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ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,

DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1894.

AS AUDITED BY T. HOWEL K. ROBERTS, Esq., AUDITOR OF THE EASTERN AND MIDLAND COUNTIES AUDIT DISTRICT.

PART I.—MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance in hand at the commencement of the year		2,290 7 9
Goods sold, namely—		
Farm and Garden Sales	32 19 0	
Kitchen Stuff and old Stores	21 7 6	
		54 6 6
Sums received on account of the Maintenance of Pauper Patients—		
From Guardians of Unions & Parishes within the County	14,842 5 10	
From Guardians of other Unions and Parishes	35 12 0	
From the Treasurer of the County for Patients adjudged chargeable thereto	7 9 6	
From the Treasurer of the County under Section 269 (3) of the Lunacy Act, 1890, in respect of accommodation at other Asylums, not exceeding one-fourth of the entire weekly charge ...	769 4 9	
		15,654 12 1
Criminal Patients—		
From Parliamentary Vote in	50 6 0	
		50 6 0
Funeral and Removal Expenses—		
From Guardians of Unions & Parishes	50 4 6	
		50 4 6
Other receipts, specifying them—		
Dividends on Crawford Fund	25 8 10	
		25 8 10
Total of Receipts and Balances ...		£18,035 5 8

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries and Wages (not including Payments for Labour appearing in the Farming and Gardening Account, nor comprised in the Building and Repairs Fund Account), namely—		
Officers	1,111 5 0	
Attendants & others	2,518 18 3	
		3,630 3 3
Provisions (including Malt Liquor in ordinary diet)		4,543 4 1
Malt Liquor, Wine, and Spirits (not included in ordinary diet)		107 17 1
Farm and Garden Expenses		818 2 3
Clothing—		
For Patients	752 4 0	
For Attendants	157 2 11	
		909 6 11
Necessaries (including Fuel, Lighting and Washing)		2,170 19 1
Surgery and Dispensary		136 9 7
Furniture and Bedding		695 0 11
Funeral Expenses ...		29 16 9
Payments to Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients under contract or arrangement		3,077 7 0
Payments out of Crawford Fund		37 17 2
Other Payments, specifying them :—		
House-duty	2 6 8	
Printing, Stationery, and Stamps	278 8 7	
Amusements	99 5 7	
Carriage, Travelling Expenses, &c. ...	53 17 1	
Gravel	20 0 0	
		453 17 11
Balance in hand at the end of the year, viz :—		
At Bank, Maintenance	1,399 10 1	
At Bank, Crawford	104 8 3	
		1,404 18 4
With Clerk, Maintenance...	18 10 1	
With Clerk, Crawford	1 15 4	
		20 5 5
Total of Expenditure and Balances ...		£18,035 5 8

PART II.—BUILDING AND REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Moneys raised by means of loans. £ s. d.	Other moneys. £ s. d.
Balance in hand at the commencement of the year	164 0 4	737 16 3
Sums received from the Treasurer of the County on account of—		2,575 0 0
New Buildings and Extraordinary Outlay (voted by County Council)	12,016 9 6	
Other receipts, specifying them :—		
Sales of Old Stores		8 14 0
Interest on £164 0s. 4d.	4 2 0	
Totals of Receipts and Balances	£12,184 11 10	3,321 10 3

EXPENDITURE.	Out of moneys raised by means of Loans. £ s. d.	Out of other moneys. £ s. d.
Sums paid on account of—		
Ordinary Repairs ...		1,882 10 2
Additions, Alterations, and Improvements (under £500)		284 12 4
New Buildings and Extraordinary Outlay (voted by County Council)	7,264 3 6	300 16 5
Other Payments, specifying them :—		
Pensions		103 9 4
Rates, Taxes, and Insurances		231 4 6
Fire Drill...		40 0 0
Cost of Assessment Appeal		231 16 7
Counsel's opinion ...		2 4 6
Balance in hand at the end of the year	4,920 8 4	444 16 5
Totals of Expenditure and Balances ...	£12,184 11 10	£3,321 10 3

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE IN PARTS I. AND II.

RECEIPTS :—	£ s. d.
Maintenance Account	15,834 17 11
Building and Repairs Fund Account	14,904 5 6
Total Receipts	£30,739 3 5

EXPENDITURE :—	£ s. d.
Maintenance Account	16,610 1 11
Building and Repairs Fund Account...	10,440 17 4
Total Expenditure	£27,050 19 3

PART III.—FARMING AND GARDENING ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sums received during the year from Sales	32 19 0	
Value of Goods supplied to the Asylum during the year, viz :—		
Beef, Mutton, Pork, &c.	285 19 4	
Poultry and Eggs	34 1 11	
Milk, Butter, and Cheese	305 6 10	
Potatoes and other Vegetables... ...	276 14 2	
Value of Stock at end of year...	601 10 1	
Total	£1,536 11 4	

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Value of Stock at the commencement of the year		578 3 2
Sums paid during the year in respect of—		
Labour (not that of Patients)		222 14 11
Provender		328 6 10
Seeds and Manures		79 11 2
Stock, Live and Dead (bought) ...		105 13 3
Other Payments, specifying them :—		
Rent		79 18 6
Rates, etc.		10 12 5
Balance in favour of Farm and Garden ...		140 6 0
		£1,536 11 4

JAS. DUNLOP, Clerk of Asylum.

Sixteenth day of November, 1894.

	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure as shown in Summary of Parts I. and II.	27,050 19 3
Amount allowed at Audit	£27,050 19 3

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with.

I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the expenditure of the Visiting Committee during the year ended the 31st day of March, 1894, included in such Statement and allowed by me at the Audit is Twenty-seven Thousand and Fifty Pounds, Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence.

As witness my hand this First day of December, 1894.
T. HOWEL K. ROBERTS, District Auditor.

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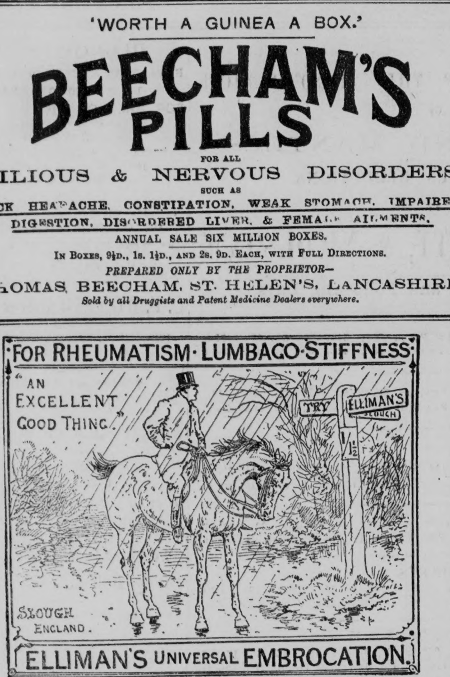

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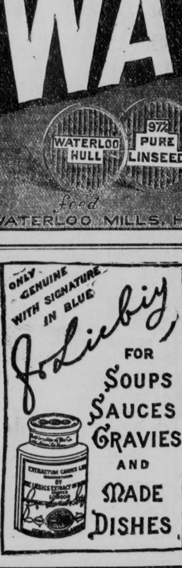

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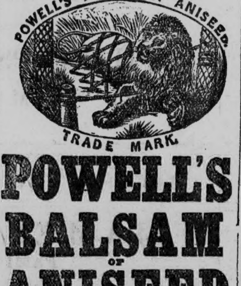

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CHAPTER XVI.

A CONFIDANT.

CHARLOTTE already knew McGloin by sight, and had no difficulty in bringing about a meeting with him. She had not liked him before, and had no reason to do so now; but she took an interest in him somewhat similar to that of the lawyer in his client, or the artist in his picture. He stood as the material on which she was to begin the work of her new profession. Men never know from what various motives women pay them attentions; and Mike McGloin was certainly far from suspecting the nature of the purposes that were actuating Charlotte.

In spite of her provincial education, Charlotte was a fairly accomplished dissembler: her life in the city, though it had been comparatively short, had developed what was probably an innate talent in that direction. It had also given her a knowledge of the ways and byways of the seamy side of the metropolis, and had added to the conventional accomplishments of a respectably trained young woman a familiarity with the jargon and habits of the slums. She was, therefore, competently equipped for the adventure.

McGloin was, as has been intimated, inclined to vaunt himself on his success with women, and he had, heretofore, been somewhat piqued by Charlotte's manifest indifference to him. Her sudden recognition of his merits might have awakened misgivings in the mind of an older and less self-conceited man; but he regarded it merely as the inevitable victory which, sooner or later, he was sure to win. Moreover, the very delay had aroused him, and he cultivated her with more eagerness than he otherwise would have done. She, on the other hand, while inducing him to believe that he had impressed her, judiciously held him at arm's-length, in order to stimulate him the more.

"You are not like other men to me, Mike," she told him, "and I won't let you treat me as other men do. You don't care for me—I know that. Once you got tired of me, you would throw me off, like the rest. But I have some good feelings left in me still, and that's why I mean to be a friend to you, and nothing more."

McGloin's answers to such speeches may easily be imagined. But inasmuch as there is nothing in this hideous travesty of love-making that is either agreeable or amusing, we will let it alone as much as possible. The upshot of it was, that the young fellow became infatuated, and was ready to do anything—or said he was—to induce Charlotte to abjure her scruples. She reported her interviews with him at headquarters; and at length it was resolved to make trial how far he was prepared to commit himself.

Charlotte had rooms in an obscure but comparatively respectable region of the town, west of Washington-square. The apartment consisted of a sitting-room and a bedroom communicating with it by a narrow passage, having a door at each end. Both rooms opened upon the hall or entry of the house; and there was a small ante-room on the same floor, used as a receptacle for trunks. The girl had hitherto kept McGloin in ignorance of her address; but it was now expedient, for the ends of justice, that she should allow him to see her in this place. In giving her his final instructions, Inspector Byrnes bade her penetrate as deeply as she could into the recesses of McGloin's evil consciousness. "We have reason to think that he has done a very bad thing," he added, "and you mustn't be surprised if it turns out to be the worst that can be."

"I think I can manage him, inspector," the girl answered; "and at any rate you may trust me to do my best."

"I shan't ask any more of you," he returned. "This is an ugly piece of business for a girl to attempt; but, if you succeed, you will have done a vast service to the law. Now go; and good luck to you."

That afternoon, Charlotte informed her landlady that she expected two friends in the evening to take supper with her. One of them, whom she referred to as her brother, would probably arrive an hour or so in advance of herself: but was to be admitted to her room on giving his name. The other she would bring with her.

She had previously taken occasion to discover how much liquor McGloin could carry, and knew about the point at which he would be most communicative. Having laid in her supplies of refreshments, and completed all other preliminary arrangements, she put on her best clothes, and went out. It was then seven o'clock.

At eight o'clock the door bell rang, and a gentleman wished to know whether Miss Charlotte had returned yet. On the landlady informing him that she had not, he inquired whether the young lady had not left word, before going out, that she expected her brother to supper with her? The reply to this being affirmative, the gentleman introduced himself as the brother in question, and was thereupon allowed to go upstairs. Up he went, accordingly, and nothing further was heard from him. He was a very quiet gentleman indeed, and must have been a very patient one; for it was not until after ten o'clock that Charlotte and her friend came in.

When they got upstairs, the sitting-room was empty, and there were no signs of the "brother" anywhere. Charlotte, however immediately upon entering, glanced at the mantelpiece. On the left hand corner was a bit of cardboard, folded into a pyramidal shape, and set up on its base. Apparently, this object reassured her; she tossed the cardboard pyramid into the fire, and addressed herself to the entertainment of her only visible guest.

As for McGloin, he was evidently in good spirits, and thoroughly satisfied with himself and his situation. He regarded Charlotte with bold and warm glances; and having disembarrassed himself of his hat and overcoat, and thrown away the stump of his cigar, he attempted to throw his arm round her waist and kiss her. But she avoided him, and put the table between them.

"You mustn't do that, Mike," she said; "I told you so before I brought you up here. If you keep on, you shall never come here again. I wanted that we should have a cosy little supper here all to ourselves, and a nice long talk; neither of us really know the other yet; and if we are to be friends, that is the first thing to be done. Now, are you going to be sensible or not?"

"Well, you're about the queerest girl I ever struck," said McGloin, discontentedly. "You know I'm dead stuck on you, and you're just playing me off."

"I don't know anything about you," replied the girl, who (McGloin having thrown himself upon the sofa) began to busy herself to put supper on the table. "You have never told me anything about yourself. I can see that you are good-looking, of course; but the worst man can be good-looking; and I'm afraid you are very bad."

"Me very bad!" replied he, with a laugh. "What ails you to think that?"

"Well, I have heard people say that you are terribly reckless and wouldn't stop at anything."

"Well, and what then? You wouldn't have a man be a milk-sop, would you?"

"I didn't say that. I like a man to be a man—of course I do! And if I was sure a man cared for me, I suppose I could forgive him a good deal. But what's the use of talking? You'd sooner have something to drink, wouldn't you?"

With these words, she produced a bottle of champagne from the closet, and deftly removed the cork without spilling a drop of the liquor. She then filled two glasses, and held one toward McGloin, who took it, and gulped down the contents.

"By G——!" he exclaimed, wiping his mouth with the back of his hand, "that's the right sort of stuff, isn't it? You don't buy that under three dollars a bottle."

"I don't keep any poor stuff," returned the girl, tossing her head; "and I'm not likely to give less than the best to you, anyhow!"

"It ain't every girl that can set up the drinks in this style, all the same," observed he. "Where does the cash come from to do it with? That's what I'd like to know!"

"I can have my secrets as well as you, I suppose," was the answer. "If you know where the money goes to, you needn't trouble to ask where it came from."

"You hit it that time, my dear," said her companion, with an approving nod. "Money is for them that can get it, all the world over. If you know where to come by it, so much the better. You and me will spend it, and the same with what I get hold of myself. Betwixt the two of us we can have things fixed pretty comfortable, I guess."

"It ain't your money I want, Mike," she returned, giving him a tender glance, while she refilled his glass. "I expect you haven't got much to throw away, either. How should you? You don't work at anything, that ever I heard of."

"It ain't those that work for money that always has the most of it," the young man observed, nodding his head darkly. "What I say is this—I can have money when I want it. A fellow that knows New York as I know it don't need to starve to death—nor to die of thirst, neither."

"You don't expect me to believe that, do you? Suppose you wanted twenty dollars to-morrow, how would you get it?"

McGloin emptied his glass and poured himself out another. "Never you mind!" he said. "There's more ways than one. I know a dozen men that would give me the straight tip on what would bring me five times that. There ain't a sport in New York that wouldn't do more than that for Mike McGloin. They know me; and they know it's healthier for them to be in with me than out—and don't you forget it."

"Why, you're not a bruiser, are you?"

"Oh, I know how to put up my hands when I've a mind to; but that's neither here nor there. There's other ways of getting even with a fellow besides pasting him in the eye."

"Don't say such things! You frighten me!" exclaimed the girl, gazing at him with a sort of fearful admiration. "I'm glad I'm not a man—I shouldn't like to have you angry with me. I should be afraid of my life."

"It's a good job you're a woman—I don't say no to that," McGloin replied, passing his hand over his face. "You're the sort that suits me, and I don't care who knows it."

"How many girls have you said that same thing to, I wonder?"

"For the matter of that, how many men have you——"

"Now, stop right there, Mike McGloin," she interrupted, leaning across the table and putting her hand over his mouth. "I've been unfortunate, and I don't deny it; but that's got nothing to do with what I am to you. I've lived straight since you knew me; and as long as you're my friend I don't want to think or hear of anyone else."

"And no one else had better hear or think of you, neither," rejoined the other, with an ominous frown. "I'm no baby, I ain't; and I ain't going to put up with anybody fooling around you. I'm a tough—that's what I am; and no fellow ain't a tough till he's knocked out his man."

"Pshaw! that's all talk, Mike," returned the girl, shaking her head. "You wouldn't kill a man for making love to me, and you know it."

"I wouldn't, eh? Well, that's all right; I ain't saying nothing. Say, you're no hand at drinking. Let's split what's left in the bottle."

"There's more where that came from," remarked Charlotte, as he drained the last drop into his glass, after refilling hers. She sipped the wine and then set it down with a grimace. "It's as flat as water!" she exclaimed; and forthwith went to the closet and brought out another bottle. Upon seeing this, McGloin's countenance expanded; he leaned back in his chair and stretched out his legs. "This is cosy and comfortable, sure enough," he observed, complacently. "What's the matter with staying here for good and all? I'm game for it if you are."

Charlotte laughed. "I'll answer that question when I know better who it is I'm talking to," she said. "I'll talk straight to you, Mike: I don't care what you are, or what you've done, if only I'm sure you mean the square thing by me. As soon as you prove that to me, you won't have any cause to complain of what I'll be to you. But until then, we'll just have a good time once in a while, as we are now, and say no more about it."

"What are you up to, anyhow?" demanded McGloin, resting his elbows on the table and looking over at her. "What do you want me to do? Give it a name. Come on!"

"How should I know what I want you to do?" she retorted. "Do anything you like! But remember this: you want me to give up everything to you, and put myself in your power, to be petted or kicked or turned out of doors just as you happen to feel in the humour. But I've known what it is to be in trouble and helpless, and I'm not going to risk it again. Unless I feel that I've got as much hold on you as you have on me, we'll be what we are now to each other, and will be nothing more. Let's have something more to drink, old man!"

"Ain't you got anything stiffer than this stuff?" said McGloin, finishing the contents of the second bottle, and setting down his glass with a thump that snapped the stem. "This don't go to the right spot, somehow. If I could have a few go's of whisky now, I'd feel right."

"You can have all you want, my dear," replied Charlotte, returning to the closet; "but whisky don't suit me; I'll stick to the other. There!" she added, putting the bottle on the table, "you've got a strong head if that don't fetch you."

McGloin mixed himself a stiff tumbler and smacked his lips over it. "That's the real thing after all!" he said. "That warms a man up! Say, my dear, you're a d——d nice-looking girl, did you know it?"

"And you're a wicked-looking man, did you know that?" she retorted, looking him in the eyes and smiling. "We would make a nice pair of us!"

McGloin made no immediate answer. He sat over his glass, staring across toward a corner of the room, scowling occasionally, and biting his lips.

His aspect at this moment was certainly evil and depraved; it spoke of dark and ugly places in his conscience and memory. Charlotte noticed it, and felt that now or never was the time to lure him into disclosing his secret. He had already said enough to show that he was capable of crime, but in so general a way as to be useless for legal evidence. He must be brought to make some more specific statement. Charlotte rose from her chair and came round to McGloin's side of the table. She seated herself close beside him and put her hand on his arm.

As she did so, the door leading into the hall opened about half an inch. It gave a faint creak in doing so. Charlotte heard the noise and knew what it meant. McGloin was only conscious that she was beside him. He roused himself from his ugly reverie and turned toward her. She looked extremely pretty, and her eyes were soft and penetrating. McGloin's faculties were somewhat confused by the liquor he had drunk, and the sensual exhilaration induced by the champagne had become dulled. But he was still sensible to the charm of her appearance, and it perhaps served as a grateful relief from the mental pictures he was contemplating.

"Mike," said the girl, in a caressing voice, brushing the hair back from his forehead and keeping her eyes upon his, "do you know what it was first made me fancy you?"

"I don't know," he said, "what was it?"

"You reminded me of someone I once knew. He was the first man that I ever cared for. I was nothing but a girl then, and didn't know much. He wasn't as handsome as you are, but you have an expression that is like his. And just now, when you were sitting staring at the corner of the room, I couldn't help thinking of him. What were you thinking of then?"

"Me? Nothing." He stirred in his chair, and hitched his shoulders uneasily. "What would I be thinking of? I was a bit sleepy, that's all."

"This man was about your age, but I guess he was a worse man than you ever were. When we were together one evening—just as you and I are now—he told me of something that he had done. Nobody else knew it, and nobody else but I will ever know that he did that thing. I have never spoken of it to a soul."

"Who was the fellow?" demanded McGloin.

"I can't tell you his name. He trusted me, and I won't betray him—even to you!"

"Where is he now?"

"In South America, I believe. He escaped, and he'll never come back here!"

"Escaped! What had he done to escape for?"

"I can tell you what he has done," returned Charlotte, after a pause, "because you will never know who he was. He had murdered a man!"

McGloin pushed back his chair and gave a quick glance round the room. His lips seemed to tremble for a moment, but he pressed them together, and clenched his teeth. He avoided looking at Charlotte, and turning, laid his hand on the bottle, and poured some whisky into the tumbler. After drinking it, he said, in a slow and deliberate tone:

"Then he was a d——d fool to tell a girl about it!"

Charlotte experienced a keen mortification, the traces of which, however, she succeeded in banishing from her face. "He had no cause to regret it," she answered after a moment. "I saved his life. I enabled him to prove an alibi."

McGloin was silent for a minute or two. He was apparently turning something over in his mind. It probably did not occur to him to question the truth of Charlotte's story, although, to a dispassionate listener, it would have seemed a tolerably transparent fabrication. But other considerations were working in his mind. A confession made privately to a girl like Charlotte would have no legal weight unless confirmed by independent testimony, or overheard by some trustworthy third party. On the other hand, were he to take her into his confidence, it might, as she had intimated, have a favourable effect upon his relations with her. There may, also, have been still other and more inward motives behind his action.

"Look here, my girl," said he, "I told you he was a d——d fool to say anything to you about it. What would you think if I was to make just such a fool of myself as he did? You say I'm like him!"

"What do you mean?" she exclaimed in a repressed voice. Her heart began to beat, and her cheeks flushed. Was she going to succeed after all? As she changed her position a little she cast a momentary glance toward the door. It had opened an inch or two further.

"Well, I've just taken a fancy to tell you about a little job I was into a while ago," returned McGloin, pulling up his collar and speaking a little unsteadily. "There was me and three others—Banfield, and Healy, and Morrissey. We hitched up a team, and started out, about ten o'clock, to see what we could pick up. Banfield was driving, and me and the others was loafing along the sidewalk, like as we had nothing to do with the cart at all. We started in Bleecker-street, and got down along by South Fifth-avenue, and then Banfield he pulled up in front of a liquor store. There was a big keg of rum alongside the door, and the folks hadn't gone to bed yet; but there was no one on the look-out, and we concluded to chance it. Me and Healy catched hold of the keg, and gave her a hoist toward the cart; but just before we could get her in, Banfield hollers out, 'Look sharp, boys! somebody's coming!' Sure enough, out jumps a cop from round the corner and runs for us. He was amongst us before we knew what was the matter. He made a grab for Healy and got hold of his collar, but Banfield reached over from the cart, and fetched him a bang on the side of the head with the butt of his whip that made him look silly, I tell you! Healy jerked away from him, though he got his coat tore doing it; and just then I stepped up, and I pasted him one under the left ear that put him to sleep as neat as you ever see it done in the ring! He chucked up his arms, and down he come like a sack of oats. Morrissey gave him a kick in the mouth, to remember him by when he woke up, and then lit out; and we took the keg along with us, too!"

McGloin told this tale in a manner considerably more slipshod and irregular than has been here reproduced; but also with occasional passages of emphasis and gesture which added not a little to its graphic effect. He had, also, once or twice replenished his tumbler; and by the time he had finished, his eyes were wavering and his speech thick. Charlotte had perceived, before the narrative came to an end, that it could not be the one she was in quest of; waggon-thefts were a well-known species of pilfering, and incurred no very serious penalty. When complicated with an assault upon the police, it became, of course, more serious; but not so much so as to warrant all the pains the authorities had taken in investigation. It was evident, therefore, that she had failed as to the main object of her undertaking; McGloin was either innocent of the crime of which he was suspected or he had been too shrewd to reveal it. Be that as it might, nothing more was to be got out of him on this occasion; his intoxication had proceeded too far, and even had it been otherwise, his suspicions would have been aroused by any further attempt to question him.

It only remained, therefore, to disembarrass herself of her visitor the shortest way possible; and to that end she had provided herself with a soporific powder, which she introduced into his next glass of whisky, and which soon sent him into a profound stupor. At this juncture, the door opened, and the long lost "brother" came in.

"Well," she said, turning to him with an expression of chagrin, "I did the best I could with him, but it was no use. I suppose that story isn't worth anything?"

"You did your work very well, miss," the other replied, "and I shall report it so at headquarters. He didn't say just what we wanted him to, to be sure; but his manner when you put those points to him convinced me that he's our man; and as for the waggon-trick yarn, it will answer almost as well for our purposes as if it was the very job we are after."

"It was true, then, was it?"

"It was; and it came just at the right moment. That robbery was committed two days ago; the patrolman was knocked senseless, and no arrests were made; but he says he can identify the three men if he could set eyes on them again. Banfield, Healy, and Morrissey belong to McGloin's gang, and were probably with him on the occasion for which he is specially wanted. The evidence he gave to-night, which I overheard and noted down, will suffice for their arrest and identification; and once McGloin is in the inspector's hands, it will go hard, but the truth will come out. The difficulty hitherto has been that we had no pretext for arresting him: but now, thanks to you, we have both him and his accomplices in our power."

"Well, I'm glad if I have been of any use," said Charlotte; "I would do more than that for the inspector. Shall we leave this man here?"

"I'll put him on the sofa," replied the detective, "and he will sleep there till ten or eleven o'clock. If you don't like to remain here to-night, I'll take you to a hotel, and get you a room."

"Oh, no, thank you, I'll stay: I can take care of myself," the girl answered, with a sad little smile. "At what time do you want me at the office to-morrow?"

Come round at noon," was the reply. "I shall have handed in my report by that time, and you can answer any questions the inspector may want to ask you."

"Very well: I will be there."

The detective took the sleeping McGloin beneath the arms, and dragged him over to the sofa; and having laid him out there, he bade Charlotte good-night, and went out. The girl stood looking down at the unconscious man for a while, and then turned away with a sigh, and entered her own room, locking the door after her. It was by no means a pleasant profession that she had engaged in; but how much better than the other!

(*To be continued.*)

THE CZAR'S WEDDING,

Nov. 26th, 1894.

Days of mourning quickly over—mourning for earth's greatest king—
Over mountain, Steppe, and forest, hark! the merry joy-bells ring!
Son of Russia's mighty monarchs, friend and nephew of our Heir!
Daughter of our gentle Princess, sample sweet of mother's care!

Now the holy rites are over, Holy Church hath made them one—
Friends, who sorrowing mourned the father, now rejoicing with the son—
Golden circlets are exchanged, golden crowns upheld above,
Captives freed and debts forgiven, tokens of a reign of love!

After Russia's long oppression dawns a day of peace and joy—
Sire! may noblest arts of freedom now thy youth and strength employ!
Liberty to others granting, so shalt thou thyself be free,
And the fiend that slayed thy grandsire come not ever nigh to thee!

Doubly linked our hands in friendship, doubly knit our hearts in love—
Bless the Royal bride and bridegroom! Hear our prayer, O God above!
May they hand-in-hand together in the path of peace repair,
And from war's dread shadow ever shield the Lion and the Bear!

A.F.

A NATION'S BRIDAL SONG.

Peace to her, peace and joy,
To the Empress and the bride!
Give her rich ermine and purple and gold
That the sable be lain aside.
Long has she wept, full long!
But now the sound of her bridal song
Flows far and wide o'er the distant tide,
As the bright hours speed along!

Merrily, merrily chime,
Oh! marriage bells, in your rhyme!
No darksome cypress shall mar her wreath
To whisper of grief or death.
No tears shall shine in the bride's blue eye,
No heart shall murmur, no voice shall sigh,
For sorrow is dead, and death has fled,
And merriment reigns on high!

All slowly the time has gone,
Since they summoned her, sad and lone,
That the father might bless his son's fair bride
Ere his spirit to rest were flown.
And a terrible grief has passed,
Like a chilling and wintry blast,
O'er her husband's land, and its heavy hand
Hath a heavier shadow cast.

But stay! for all is changed,
And the son, on his father's throne,
Has bidden his fair young bride rejoice,
And call his crown her own!
So peace to her, peace and joy;
Rich blessings which ne'er shall fail!
Since Heaven's own glorious, matchless bride
Has joined their hands and engraved their hearts
With a faith which, through ages, has never died!
Peace to her, from above!
Let the nations pray, on this glorious day,
For an international love!

M.E.A.

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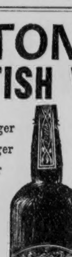

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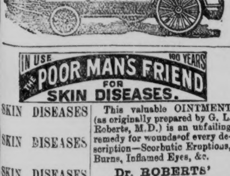

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

[BY HALF-BACK.]

Ipswich Town covered themselves with glory on Saturday last by beating the Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. upon their own enclosure at Earlham Road. I was, I frankly admit it, entirely, but at the same time agreeably, surprised at the result. I will make no lame attempt to explain away or to hide the fact that my forecast of the result was entirely out. I had, however, very good grounds for my assumption. Twice previously had I accompanied the Ipswich eleven to the Earlham Road enclosure, and on both occasions, if I remember rightly, a defeat has had to be recorded. This, combined with the fact, which has of recent seasons been painfully apparent, that the Town men at home is one thing, and the Town men away quite another, gave me strong reason to doubt the ability of the "Stripes" to pull the match out of the fire. Again, it must be remembered that the Churchmen were, perhaps, never in better form than at the present time.

Any way, the gallant lads were all there on Saturday, and beat their opponents handsomely. It was one of the most exciting and interesting encounters it has been my lot to witness for some time. On the journey out there was an air of confidence about the men which was very cheering, and the new hands had been well tutored for their business. Kent was back again amongst the forwards, which, of course, strengthened the front rank materially, but Stanley Turner was an absentee, which, of course, was to be regretted. Otherwise the team was the strongest that could be put in the field, as will be seen from the following list—Cornell, Bailey, Walford, Haward, Woods, F. Turner (captain), Kent, Oxborrow, Ratcliff, Towns, and Cotton.

The Churchmen had also their best side in the field, including Barnes, who last year was wearing the striped jersey with much credit. After the first rush of the homemen, however, the soundness of the visitor's defence became a striking feature. Walford and Bailey were both clearing with much calmness and precision, while all three halves gave the home front rank no time for taking liberties. Haward, however, performed most brilliantly, and Barnes found he had all his work cut out to pass him. Cotton was an invaluable assistant to Woods, worrying the opposing halves continuously, although of course his forward work was thereby slightly hampered. He was, however, playing the correct game.

Kent and Oxborrow were the most dangerous of the Ipswich forwards, and Webster, although doing by far the best half-back work for the Churchmen, could not always hold them in check. Ratcliff played a good safe game, but was not quite so brilliant as against the soldiers the previous week, and neglected one or two good opportunities of shooting. Towns stuck to his task with great spirit, but the combination on the left wing is still a little wanting.

Nutchey in the second half changed places with Amiss on the left. This proved a very wise move, and the first-named, with Clarke, became frequently dangerous. After Kent had put on the second point for the Town the Churchmen attacked with fine dash, and Woods was several times baffled. Walford sustained a slight wrench, which interfered with his kicking, and had the Reds been a little steadier in front of Cornell more than the one point scored would have been credited to them. Any way it was a very anxious time, and the victory was not assured till Ratcliff put on the third goal for the Town. Standing behind the nets at the time, I have not the slightest hesitation in asserting that the Churchmen's single point was an off-side goal. Cornell had run out and fisted away a shot, but one of the Churchmen headed back, and Barnes, standing behind Cornell, tipped the ball into the net. The referee, however, might be forgiven for the error, as he was probably unable to see Barnes touch the ball, which must have scored had he let it alone.

The Town will next have to meet Peterborough in the final tie of the qualifying competition.

In the North Suffolk League competition, Beccles College met Lowestoft Town on the School ground before about 400 spectators, on Saturday. After being two goals to the bad, the School began to play up with vigour, all their halves working grandly, while the forwards seemed at length to become aware of the fact that they were expected to get goals. Amid great excitement, Ord headed the ball between the posts. Cameron brought the excitement to a climax by registering goals two, three, and four in rapid succession. Before the finish White lifted the ball beautifully under the bar, while Ord, looking carefully after the goal-keeper, bowled him over, thus leaving the game Lowestoft two, College five. This gives the Collegians second place on the table.

The other matches in the North Suffolk League were Saxmundham *v.* Kirkley, at the former town, in which the seasiders came off with flying colours with the score 5—3 in their favour. The two Sheas were absentees, which means a good deal, and therefore the victory was the more creditable. Halesworth had little difficulty, playing at home, in beating Leiston by three to *nil*, and the table arranged to date stands as under—

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lst.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Kirkley	3	3	0	0	13	7	6
Beccles College	3	2	1	0	7	3	5
Chaucer Press	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Beccles Caxton	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Halesworth	2	1	0	1	4	4	2
Lowestoft Town	4	1	0	3	9	14	2
Saxmundham	2	0	0	2	3	7	0
Leiston	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Only two matches were played in the West Suffolk League. Glemsford made their league record the more remarkable by a seven goals to *nil* defeat at the hands of Long Melford, therefore their unique, although not very flattering records reads: Played seven, won one, one goal scored for, and no less than twenty-eight against. Haverhill Rovers added another victory at the expense of Lavenham, at Lavenham, the score reading 4—0 in their favour. There is little alteration in the aspect of the table.

St. Helen's received a tremendous drubbing in their second meeting with the Orwell Works upon the Portman Road ground. The Saints had a very poor team indeed, while the Works on the other hand were very strongly represented and fairly overran the Eastern Counties' Cup holders. The flower of the latter team have either left them or were unable to assist on the occasion. R. G. Steward, who has done great things for them in the past, was lying with his shoulder dislocated, which unfortunate accident happened while playing for Norwich Thorpe on the Saturday previous. Welshman, Brooks, and others were absentees, and the match therefore can hardly be taken as a fair trial of the relative strength of the clubs.

The Ipswich Town first team to-day visit Framlingham to play the College, and should have little difficulty in returning with another victory to their credit. The Portman Road ground will again be the scene of a rugger match, the St. Helen's men playing a game with Woolwich. I trust that the "Saints" will be better represented.

The Middle School P. and P. were "at home" with a vengeance to the 20th Hussars on Saturday, at Christchurch Park, treating them to a seven goals to two defeat. I was glad to learn that Mr. A. Cattermole had resumed his place between the sticks, and that Green had been enabled to take his proper position at full back. The team should now pull themselves together a bit.

Amongst other local matches of interest were the following:—

Yarmouth R.A. 6, Beccles Caxton 0.
Bury Alexandra 2, Bury School 0.
Bungay Chaucer Press 11, 1st Dragoon Guards 0.
Colchester Excelsior 5, Orwell Works (Ipswich) 0.
Walton Foresters 1, Ipswich Town Reserves 3.
Bramford Works 1, Ipswich Town Reserves 3rd 0.
Ipswich Y.M.C.A. 5, St. Helen's Y.M.S. 1.
St. Mary Stoke 2, Cowell's Athletic 0.
Nacton 6, St. John's (Ipswich) 1.
Played on the grounds of the first-named.

The scratch eleven doing duty for Felixstowe on the Continent were but a very indifferent lot of amateurs and were extremely fortunate to draw the two games played. A great deal of fuss has been made about these so-called international matches, but it is very poor football after all. Considering the handsome treatment which the Dutchmen accord to the visitors it is almost surprising that some more powerful English teams are not induced to take the trip and show our foreign friends how the game should be played.

Two of the First Division League matches on Saturday had to be postponed on account of the fog. The results of those which did take place were as follows:—Everton beat West Bromwich Albion, on the latter's ground, 4—1; Small Heath, at home, beat Sheffield United, 4—2; Preston North End and Bolton Wanderers, at Preston, played a draw, 2—2; as did also Liverpool and the Wolverhampton Wanderers at Liverpool, the score reading 3—3; at Blackburn, Aston Villa beat the Rovers, 3—1. The Villa, on Monday, playing at home against Sheffield Wednesday, scored a further win of 3—1. The table revised to date reads as follows:—

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Everton	14	10	1	3	47	21	23
Aston Villa	17	10	6	1	41	23	21
Sunderland	12	9	1	2	34	12	20
Preston North End	16	7	5	4	27	25	18
Blackburn Rovers	15	6	4	5	28	24	17
Sheffield United	15	7	6	2	26	27	16
Small Heath	15	6	5	4	33	36	16
Burnley	14	6	5	3	25	19	15
Sheffield Wednesday	13	7	6	0	24	25	14
Notts Forest	13	6	6	1	22	26	13
West Bromwich Albion	14	5	6	3	26	26	13
Wolverhampton W.	15	4	8	3	22	32	11
Stoke	13	3	7	3	18	31	9
Liverpool	16	1	9	6	21	42	8
Bolton Wanderers	15	2	9	4	20	32	8
Derby County	11	2	7	2	14	27	6

Six second division matches took place on Saturday, the results being as follow:—*Bury 2, Burton Swifts 0. Newton Heath 2, *Crewe Alexandra 0. *Leicester Fosse 5, Notts County 1. *Grimsby Town 4, Newcastle United 1. *Lincoln City 1, Rotherham Town 1. *Darwen 2, Walsall 0. Played on the ground of the clubs marked * There were no mid-week matches, and, therefore, the revised table is as follows:—

	Plyd	Won	Lost	Drn	Goals For	Goals Agst	Pts
Bury	15	13	2	0	44	17	26
Grimsby Town	14	10	4	0	47	26	20
Notts County	13	8	3	2	30	20	18
Newton Heath	12	6	2	4	29	18	16
Darwen	13	7	4	2	30	12	16
Burton Swifts	13	7	5	1	26	21	15
Woolwich Arsenal	12	6	4	2	30	30	14
Newcastle United	14	5	6	3	34	43	13
Walsall	11	5	6	0	19	27	10
Leicester Fosse	11	3	5	3	25	26	9
Lincoln City	11	4	6	1	21	34	9
Burton Wanderers	11	4	6	1	16	20	9
Manchester City	13	4	8	1	33	37	9
Rotherham Town	15	4	10	1	29	36	9
Burslem Port Vale	11	2	8	1	8	26	5
Crewe Alexandra	10	1	9	0	10	37	2

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BIRTH.

CALVERT.—5th December, at 17, New Steine, Brighton, the wife of William Dobree Calvert, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BALL—JENNINGS.—5th December, at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, by the Rev. F. Haslewood, rector, Benjamin Ball third son of Samuel Ball, of Stevenage, Herts, to Josephine, third daughter of the late John Jennings and Mary Ann Jennings, of 6, Gibbon Street, Ipswich.

RUSH—BIRD.—5th December, at Eye parish church, by the Rev. A. J. Spencer, vicar, John Rush, jun., to Mary Ann Bird, both of Eye.

DEATHS.

BEDWELL.—2nd December, at Grundisburgh, Benjamin Bedwell, aged 77 years.

BARDWELL.—29th November, at 39, Cumberland Street, the beloved wife of Edward Bardwell.

BLOOMFIELD.—27th November, in her 22nd year, Floria Harriet Bloomfield, wife of George Coleman Bloomfield, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gooday, Thurlow Arms Inn, Great Ashfield.

CORDERY.—3rd December, at No. 1, Dove Yard, St. Helen's, Ipswich, Walter Alfred Cordery, aged 4 years.

CULLUM.—2nd December, at Hollesley, Jas. Jeremiah Cullum, formerly of Shottisham, aged 80.

CHAPMAN.—4th December, at Framlingham College, very suddenly, Mary Ann, eldest daughter of James and Elizabeth Chapman, of Bury St. Edmund's, aged 24 years.

DITCHAM.—1st December, at York Cottages, Suffolk Road, Harrold, the beloved infant son of Henry and Nellie Ditcham, aged one month.

EASTER.—26th November, at Park Place, Yoxford, Robert John Easter, late of the Queen's Head, Saxmundham, and of the Griffin Inn, Yoxford, aged 40 years.

FLATT.—25th November, at Felixstowe Road, Charlotte Rose, the beloved twin daughter of William S. Flatt, aged 5 years 11 months.

FRISTON.—1st December, at Rattlesden, Rebecca E. Friston, wife of Samuel Friston, in her 73rd year.

GROSS.—30th November, Marian Gross, of Thursford, Norfolk, youngest daughter of the late James Gross, of Woodbridge.

GLADWELL.—2nd December, at Station Road, Haughley, Arthur Robert, youngest son of the late Chenery Gladwell, of Haughley, aged 30 years.

HEAD.—1st December, at New House Farm, Lawshall, Frederick Head, aged 56 years.

HAYWARD.—5th December, at the Swan Inn, Mistley, James Hayward, the beloved husband of Amelia Hayward, aged 73 years.

HADLOW.—4th December, at Woolpit, very suddenly, Mary, dearly-beloved wife of George Blake Hadlow, in her 56th year.

KING.—29th November, at Hadleigh, William B. King, aged 55 years.

LINCOLN.—2nd December, at Manor House, Foxhall Road, Ipswich, George Owen, son of Charles and Rosa Lincoln, aged 2 years.

MAYHEW.—14th November, at Bury St. Edmund's, William, the beloved husband of Emma Mayhew, and brother to Mrs. Graystone, of Wrentham, in the 56th year of his age.

NEWSON.—2nd December, at 20, Old Cardinal Street. Elizabeth Jane, the beloved second daughter of Sarah and the late Thomas Newson, of Ipswich, aged 36 years.

OWEN.—29th November, at Neemuch, India, of fever, Margaret Mary, wife of Captain C. Cunliffe Owen, R.A., and daughter of the late John Patteson Cobbold, M.P., and Adela H. Cobbold, aged 27.

STEARN.—1st December, at 83, Fore Street, Ipswich, Charles Stearn, aged 51 years.

STEEL.—4th December, at Broad Street, Eye, Rebecca, relict of the late Edwin Steel, of Norwich, in the 73rd year of her age.

WADE.—12th November, at Yarmouth Hospital, in his 51st year, Robert Wade, for many years at Lacon's Brewery, and formerly of Beccles.

WHISTLECRAFT.—3rd December, William Whistlecraft, of Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, second son of the late John Whistlecraft, of Finningham, Suffolk, aged 39 years.

WHYMARK.—2nd December, after a long affliction, John H. Whymark, the beloved husband of M. A. Whymark, and eldest son of the late Wm. Whymark, aged 38.

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MORTALITY IN IPSWICH.

An Abstract of the Return of Deaths for the week ending Saturday, December 1st, 1894.

Felixstowe Road—diphtheria, 5 years, female.
Long Street—diphtheria, 3 years, male.
Norwich Road—puerperal fever, 30 years, female.
Bramford Road—erysipelas, 14 days, female.
Suffolk Road—enteritis, 1 month, male.
East Suffolk Hospital—accidental burns, 9 years, female.
Pottery Street—premature birth, 1 day, female.
Ivy Cottage, Halifax—convulsions, 1 month, male.
Wells Street—phthisis, 14 years, female.
Borough Asylum—phthisis, 39 years, male.
Chenery Street—phthisis, 29 years, male.
Cumberland Street—gastric and congestion of lungs, 61 years, female.
Spring Road—paralysis, 73 years, male.
Fonnereau Road—old age, 80 years, male.
Males, 7; females, 7; total, 14.
Annual death-rate in Ipswich for the week 12·4 per 1,000.

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ALDEBURGH GOLF CLUB.—The monthly medal was played for on Saturday. Mr. Pettitt and Mr. Fry having taken the medal previously this year, it was won on this occasion by Mr. Bright. Net scores:—J. B. Pettit 83, J. Fry 86, F. D. Bright 87, A. F. Stewart 93, E. J. Cheney 96.

ALDEBURGH: DEATH OF AN EX-TOWN COUNCILLOR.—On Saturday the funeral took place of the late Mr. Pearl Downing, of Aldeburgh. The deceased had for a long time suffered from some internal disease, and a short time since yielded to the persuasion of his friends to go into Ipswich Hospital. Although he had the best skill and nursing, he ultimately succumbed to the operation. The deceased was a Conservative, and was one of the successful candidates at the formation of the present Corporation, afterwards retiring. The deceased, who was 52 years of age, leaves a widow.

ALDEBURGH SPRAT FISHERY.—Quite 16 tons of sprats were despatched from Aldeburgh to London on Tuesday evening. The smacks and long line boats continue to make fair hauls of codfish. Between 20 and 30 tons were landed on Wednesday. A most remarkable phenomenon was noticeable on Sunday. With the north-east wind came a tremendous smell of paraffin oil. Some thought it was the peat smell from Holland, but all ideas were set at rest when intelligence came to hand that a steamer, over 300 tons, with oil in bulk in open tanks, had been run into and a lot of cargo lost.

BECCLES: NATIONAL SCHOOL.—Certain structural alterations having been carried out at this school to meet the requirements of the Education Department, a special fund has been started to defray the costs. About £40 has been contributed up to the present.

BECCLES: STREET MAKING.—The Corporation of Beccles have hired a steam roller, the property of Mr. B. W. Glenny, of Colchester, to roll down the material on the streets and roads, instead of leaving the work to be done by passing vehicles.

BECCLES: A STRANGE VISITOR.—On Friday evening, as Mr. W. F. Spaull, draper, Exchange Square, was at tea, a frightened cow ran into the shop. A young lady was attending to a customer, a farmer's wife, and being naturally alarmed made for the cellar. The customer, better acquainted with the bovine kind, merely retreated out of sight, so as not to further frighten the beast. The result was, that after looking curiously around, and down the cellar (apparently half inclined to follow the young lady), the cow walked out of the shop without doing any damage or even knocking down a chair. As soon as it got outside a crowd gave chase to the beast, which next ran on to the bowling-green at the Waveney Hotel. It would doubtless have taken to the water, but that a mast and Mr. Smith's pleasure wherry occupied the entire river front; so after knocking over a few flower-pots, &c., it retreated into the street, and reaching the bridge it jumped into the water and swam across the river. After some further trouble, the animal was finally captured and slaughtered.

BOTESDALE: EJECTMENT ORDER.—At the Hartismere Petty Sessions on Monday, William Cracknell, painter, of East Harling, applied for an order of ejectment against a man named Butcher, of Botesdale. The applicant informed the Bench that Butcher hired the house of his late father, and received a six months' notice to quit the premises. He still held possession, and refused to go. The order was made.

BOXFORD: LAUNDRY EXHIBITION.—On Tuesday an interesting exhibition of laundry work was held in the old Grammar School. There were about 25 competitors, members of the laundry classes which have been held for the past six weeks for the parishes of Assington, Boxford, Edwardstone, and Groton. Prize winners:—1st, Miss Hills, Boxford; equal 2nd, Miss Morphett, Boxford, and Mrs. Chinery, Boxford; 3rd, Miss Mann, Boxford; Mrs. T. Griggs, Groton; Mrs. Newman, Edwardstone; Mrs. W. Gant, Groton; Mrs. E. Tricker, Groton; Lizzie Green, Edwardstone; Isabella Weaver, Assington. The prizes were provided by the Hon. Mrs. H. L. Corry, Mrs. Wayman, Mrs. Thompson, and the Rev. H. Stephenson.

BUNGAY: THE NEW ALMHOUSES.—The annual town meeting was held at the King's Head Hotel, on Tuesday, the Town Reeve (Mr. Frederic Smith) presiding. The accounts for the past year were read by Mr. Wm. Clutten (Town Clerk) and signed.—Mr. A. C. Smith complained of the bad quality of the gas, and regretted that the lamps were not lighted earlier in the evening.—The Chairman remarked that the quality of the gas was provided for by Act of Parliament, and the other matter would be looked into, but he did not think the Feoffees would spend any more money on lighting. —The Chairman was unanimously re-elected Town Reeve.—The plans of eight almshouses which the Town Reeve most generously proposes to build at a personal cost of £1,400, were submitted, and were generally approved of.

CHATTISHAM: THE EDUCATION ACT.—At Samford Petty Sessions, on Tuesday, Sarah Cole, of Chattisham, was summoned for not sending her child to school. The school attendance officer, Mr. Harry Kerridge, said the defendant had been convicted six times for her daughter, who was eleven years of age, and who had never yet attended school. The Bench made an attendance order, with a view of sending the child to an industrial school if it was not complied with.

CLOPTON: FINAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.—The last meeting of this Board was held on Monday. After the transaction of business, the Rector said their tenure of office had expired, and he, as chairman, desired to express his thanks for the kindness and courtesy he had always received from the rest of the members of the Board. He always considered, he said, that a Board had three things to bear in mind in all their transactions, and these were—the ratepayers, the parents, and the children.—Mr. F. Dowsing, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said he had attended the meetings of the Board with great pleasure, as they had all worked amicably together.—Mr. F. Miller endorsed all that Mr. Dowsing had said, and desired to join in thanking the Chairman. The Rev. S. Hooke has been Chairman of the Board for 15 years. The new Board will consist of the Rev. S. Hooke, Messrs. F. Dowsing, W. D. Pratt, W. Dunnett, and Aaron Lankester.

CREETING ST. MARY: RUNAWAY HORSE.—On Friday afternoon last, as one of Mr. Geo. Cooper's men, F. Stevens, was unloading coal at the steam mill, he had a young horse, which bolted out of the yard, knocking a portion of the brick wall down, and turning to the bridge at a great pace, the hind board fell out, strewing the road with coal bags as it went along. Happily it was caught at Wink's Watering without doing any further damage.

CULFORD: THE SHOOTING SEASON.—The Right Hon. Earl Cadogan, K.G., accompanied by Mr. Craven and other gentlemen, had an enjoyable day's sport on Earl Cadogan's Culford estate on Tuesday, when some good bags were made. During the day the party were joined by the Countess Cadogan, Lord and Lady Lurgan, and Lady Sophie Cadogan.

DARSHAM: FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. G. T. ARNOTT.—On Saturday afternoon the remains of the late Mr. G. T. Arnott were interred in Darsham churchyard. A large number of people assembled to pay their last respects to the deceased gentleman, who was widely known and respected. The mourners were —Mrs. Arnott (widow), Mr. R. Arnott and the Misses Arnott. Amongst those present were—Mr. R. Girling (Aldeburgh), Mr. and Mrs. Garrould (Cookley), Mr. Baylis (Yoxford), Mr. H. S. Stanford (Halesworth), Mr. and Miss Hayward (Hinton), Mr. R. Hayward (Darsham Hall), the Misses Girling (Yoxford), Mr. H. Girling (Melton), Mr. J. Durrant (Saxmundham), Mr. W. Game (Saxmundham), Mr. Braiy, Mr. H. Mountain, and many others. The Rev. Dr. Tennant, vicar of Darsham, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. J. F. Noott, vicar of Dunwich. The "Dead March" in *Saul* was rendered during the service by Miss Laura Mountain, the organist.

DISS: SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS.—Harold Arthur Everson (12), who was formerly a scholar at the Diss National Schools, a son of Henry John Everson, of Sparkbrook, Birmingham, has obtained a Foundation Scholarship for four years at the Camp Hill Boys' School, one of the group of Grammar Schools established by the Governors of King Edward VI.'s Grammar School, Birmingham.

DISS: VICTORIA ROAD BRIDGE.—A new iron railway bridge has been constructed over the Victoria Road, in place of the cast iron structure which had been in existence since the line was opened. The latter was removed on Sunday, and owing to the few trains running there was scarcely any delay in the traffic. The work was viewed by a large number of persons throughout the day. The roadway beneath had been impassable for loads more than twelve feet from the ground, owing to staging being erected for rivetting.

DISS LOCAL BOARD.—At the monthly meeting of this Board on Monday evening, the Rev. C. R. Manning presiding, the Committee appointed to investigate an alleged nuisance on the premises of Mr. Boyce, fishmonger, Mere Street, reported that there was nothing to complain of. The Surveyor stated that the bridge over the river Waveney, in Rose's Lane, leading to Palgrave, was not safe for traction engines and heavy traffic, and as the Board would probably leave the repairs of the same to the new Council, he suggested that a notice should be affixed to the bridge to that effect. Agreed to.

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EAST BERGHOLT: ROYAL MAIL.—Mr. William Moss, cab proprietor, East Bergholt, has just been appointed to convey the Post Office mail bags between East Bergholt and Colchester, *viâ* Stratford St. Mary, Dedham, and Ardleigh.

EAST BERGHOLT: FUNERAL OF MISS EGIDIA C. HALFORD.—The remains of Egidia Constance Halford, daughter of Captain Halford, of the Grenadier Guards, were interred in the Cemetery, East Bergholt, on Friday last. The mourners with the body came from London by 9.45 a.m. train from Liverpool Street, reaching Manningtree about half-past eleven. From there they were conveyed in broughams to East Bergholt. On arriving at the south door of the church, the coffin, which was covered with white velvet with silver fittings, was carried by four adult robed choristers and placed in the chancel, the choir meanwhile singing the hymn, "Nearer my God to Thee." The funeral service was conducted by the rector (Rev. J. J. Lias), and Rev. W. Beauchamp, vicar of Bentley. From the church, the procession, headed by the choristers, wended its way to the Cemetery for the conclusion of the ceremony. At the grave the hymn, "Tender Shepherd," was touchingly sung by the choir. Amongst the mourners were Capt. Halford (father), Mr. and Hon. Mrs. Halford (grand-parents), Miss Halford, Miss Florence Halford, Miss Slade, Dr. Percival White, and many others. Great sympathy was shown for the family in their sorrow by the inhabitants of the village, who attended the service in large numbers. The wreaths, &c. were unusually handsome, and numbered about forty-six. The funeral arrangements, in the hands of Mr. W. Wheeler, were efficiently carried out.

EYE: THE HARTISMERE GUARDIANS at their meeting on Monday, Rev. T. Holt Wilson presiding, unanimously appointed Mr. A. G. Randell, of Pulham, labour master at the Wortham Industrial Home. The clerk (Mr. John Bond) reported that eight applications had been received in answer to an advertisement for a porter at the Eye Workhouse. The Guardians selected the following four to attend at the next and last meeting of the present Board of Guardians on the 17th inst., when the appointment will be made:—Messrs. Balls, Framlingham; Johnson, Eye; Playford, Woodbridge; Taylor, Lowestoft.

EYE: WEDDING.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at Eye parish church by the vicar (Rev. A. J. Spencer) on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. John Rush, eldest son of Mr. John Rush, sen., of Eye, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bird, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Clover, of Yaxley. That much kindly interest was taken in the happy event was manifest by the large congregation present in church. The bride, who was given away by her father and attended by six bridesmaids, wore a dress of electric blue diagonal serge, trimmed with white satin and silver tinsel, and carried a handsome bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. A. Gooderham as best man. The bridesmaids were—The Misses Ruth, Hannah, and Adeline Clover (sisters of the bride), Miss Gooderham, and the Misses Kate and Daisy Cousins (nieces of the bridegroom), who all wore dresses of white Batiste, and each carried choice bouquets of various-coloured chrysanthemums and maidenhair fern, tied with pink, blue, and old gold streamers. The wedding party, which included other relatives and friends, formed a very pretty group. During the afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Rush left the town amidst the proverbial showers of rice and old slippers and the hearty good wishes of a large circle of friends, to spend the honeymoon.

EYE COUNTY COURT: A RAT-CATCHER SUED.—At the Eye County Court, on Tuesday, before his Honour Judge Eardly Wilmot, John Clarke, dealer, Diss, sued Robert Keeley, rat-catcher, Broome, for £1 15s. for a pig detained, and 10s. expenses. The plaintiff said he bought eight pigs of Mr. Bryant, of Wortham, and in leading them one escaped, and it was not till the Friday following that he missed the pig. Going to defendant's premises, he saw the animal, and claimed it, whereupon defendant refused to surrender it. Mr. Bryant was unable to swear that the pig was one of the lot he sold to plaintiff, although he believed it to be the same. Seymore Orford, who conveyed the pigs to Eye Station, also believed the pig to be one of the lot sold to plaintiff. Mr. Brundle saw a pig under an oak tree, which he chased, and later on defendant said he had had good luck, having found a pig in his stable that morning. Police-constable Mills was making inquiries respecting lost stock, and in reply to questions from the officer, defendant's daughter said they had a stray pig, which came on the Monday morning. His Honour held that the plaintiff's case was fully proved, and gave a verdict accordingly.—Laura Day sued Ellen Riches for £2 2s., value of a bed detained. Both parties live at Eye, and on the 10th of October a sale of the effects of Miss Warnes was held by Moore, Garrard and Son, auctioneers, when the plaintiff purchased a down bed, which later on could not be found. Verdict for defendant.

FRESSINGFIELD: INQUEST.—An inquest was held at the Fox and Goose Inn, Fressingfield, on Wednesday, before Mr. C. W. Chaston, upon the body of Edward Girling, aged 75 years, shoemaker. The evidence showed that deceased fell suddenly and accidentally off his chair on Saturday afternoon, and was picked up in an unconscious state. Death took place on Tuesday, and was due to cerebral hemorrhage caused by the fall. Verdict, "Accidental death."

GRUNDISBURGH: DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—The death of Mr. Benjamin Bedwell, which occurred on Sunday, removes one of the oldest and most respected parishioners. The deceased was seventy-seven years of age, and leaves a widow and one daughter; he had been in failing health for the last two years, having been attended by Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Woodbridge. He was the oldest tenant of the Gurdon family on the Grundisburgh Hall Estate, at the same time cultivating a farm of his own off-hand upon which he was born. He returned last Michaelmas to this farm after an absence of exactly fifty years. He was a most industrious, straightforward, honourable man. He was appointed surveyor of the parish in the year 1844, which office he had held ever since. He had also with but short intervals held the offices of churchwarden, assistant overseer, and collector of taxes for the last thirty years.

HAUGHLEY: GAME TRESPASS.—At the Stowmarket Petty Sessions, on Monday, John Cutting, Jas. Last, Charles Cutting, and Wm. Bibby, all of Haughley, were charged with trespassing in search of game on land in the occupation of Mr. Moses Wakelin, farmer, Tot Hill.—The Bench convicted all the defendants. John Cutting was fined 20s. and 8s. 6d. costs, James Last 2s. 6d. and 8s. 6d. costs, Charles Cutting and William Bibby each 10s. and 8s. 6d. costs.

HADLEIGH POLICE COURT, THURSDAY.—Rose Maria Clarke, domestic servant, about 16 years of age, residing with her father at Whatfield, was charged by Charles Potter Hubbard, of Whatfield, grocer, with stealing a book, value 1s. 3d., on the 1st October. The prosecutor said the girl had been in his employ as day girl about 12 months. The book was missed about the 20th September. Police-constable Burch received the book from defendant's sister Emma, to whom she had given it. The girl pleaded guilty to the charge, and Mr. Hubbard asked that she might be leniently dealt with, as she had no mother, and her aged father was an invalid. The Bench bound her under the First Offenders Act to come up for judgment if called upon within six months. She was further charged with stealing a pair of boots, value 8s. 6d., belonging to Mrs. E. A. Pledger, on the 20th September; a wool petticoat, value 2s., belonging to Miss I. M. Pledger, on the 1st October, and an apron, value 6d. and a petticoat, value 3s. 9d., belonging to Agnes Mary Groom, servant to Mr. Hubbard, on the 27th November. The boots the defendant sold to her sister Sarah for 4s.; the wool petticoat was given to her sister Emma; the apron was found in her box, and the other petticoat she was wearing. All the articles were recovered by Police-constable Burch.—Defendant pleaded guilty to all the charges, and a fine of 5s. was afflicted in each case, accompanied by a caution from the Bench as to her future conduct. Mr. Hubbard paid the money.

HALESWORTH PETTY SESSIONS, THURSDAY.—Edgar Brown, labourer, Bramfield, charged by Sergt. Leeks, of Walpole, with having obstructed a free passage of a public highway at Bramfield, on the 11th November, pleaded guilty and was bound over to come up for judgment within six months, and in the meantime to keep the peace and pay costs 8s.—William Elmy, of the same place, platelayer, and Geo. Seamans, labourer, of Bramfield, were charged by Police-Sergt. Leeks with being drunk and disorderly at Bramfield, on the 18th ult. Seamens was fined 5s. and 15s. costs, and Elmy was fined 5s. and 10s. 6d. costs.—William Brown, of Bramfield, butcher, was charged by Police-sergeant Leeks with being drunk and disorderly at Bramfield on the 13th November. Fined 10s., and 6s. 6d. costs.—Arthur Cook, of Reydon, fisherman; William Cannell, of Southwold, fisherman; and Henry Skelton, of Southwold, labourer, were charged by James Carter, Reydon, gamekeeper, with unlawful trespass upon land in the occupation of Joanne Newson, on the 25th November. Cook was fined 10s. and 8s. 7d. costs, Cannell 5s. and 11s. 10d., and Skelton 10s. and 9s. 5d. costs. Mr. J. Mills appeared for the defendants.—Robert Mulley, of Middleton, rat-catcher, was charged by Superintendent Andrews, of Halesworth, with having on the 20th ult. kept four dogs, being one more than he was licensed to keep. Fined 7s. 6d., and costs 9s. 4d.

IPSWICH SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE.—On Wednesday evening, a concert was provided by Major and Mrs. Daniell for the troops in barracks. Mrs. Daniell, Miss Youell, Miss Packard, Lieut. McMillan, and Mr. Dewhurst contributed to an enjoyable programme.

IPSWICH: DEBATE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.—On Tuesday evening, several members of St. Michael's Debating Society, accompanied by the Rev. M. Smith, visited Holy Trinity Mutual Improvement Society to take part in a debate, "Should capital punishment be abolished?" After a spirited debate, it was decided by a majority of one that at present it was desirable that capital punishment should be continued.

IPSWICH: WALKED INTO THE RIVER IN A FOG.—A most unpleasant experience fell to the lot of one of Mr. Elphick's, butcher's, assistants during the dense fog on Saturday evening. Whilst delivering meat, and in endeavouring to find a customer's house in Purplett Street, he walked into the New Cut on the Stoke side about 8.30 p.m., falling into about two feet of water. A passer-by, hearing the cries for help, procured a ladder, and the unfortunate fellow was got out, not much the worse for his adventure beyond a wetting. Had it been high water at the time the consequence might have proved fatal.

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IPSWICH: FRIENDS' ADULT SCHOOL.—After the quarterly tea in connection with Class C men of this school on Monday evening, the President of the class (Mr. S. Alexander) gave a lecturette, illustrated by numerous photographs, descriptive of his visit to the World's Conference of Y.M.C.A.s, in Norway. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed. Mr. Alexander also showed a gyroscope, and gave explanations respecting its use.

IPSWICH: CIVIC PHOTOGRAPHY.—We understand that Mr. W. Vick, the well-known photographic artist, has obtained a life-like picture of the Mayor of Ipswich for the present year (Dr. Bartlet), in his robes of office, wearing the civic chain originally brought into practical evidence by his brother in the profession, the late Mr. Geo. Green Sampson. His Worship is depicted in a standing attitude, with the index-finger of the right hand resting upon the borough mace. Both the Mayor and Mr. Vick are to be congratulated upon the general success of the picture.

INTERMENTS IN IPSWICH CEMETERY.—Friday: Charlotte R. Flatt, 5 years, Holy Trinity. Saturday: Stanley W. O. Catton, 3 years, St. Clement. Monday: Alfred Sparrow, 73 years, St. Helen. Tuesday: Clara Earthroll, 14 years, St. Helen. Wednesday: Mary Bardwell, 61 years, St. Matthew; Edward P. Brand, 26 years, St. Matthew. Thursday: George O. Lincoln, 2 years, St. John; Gertrude Emsden, infant, All Saints; Charles Stearn, 51 years, St. Clement; Harold Ditcham, infant, St. Margaret; Sarah Frost, 67 years, St. Clement; Samuel Crackwell, 3 weeks, St. Peter.

IPSWICH: RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.—Sergt. Dale, of the Borough Police Force, was on Monday the recipient of a handsome testimonial at the Royal Oak Inn, Felixstowe Road. The subscribers to the testimonial comprised numerous inhabitants living in that part of St. Clement's beyond Bishop's Hill, who readily responded to the appeals of Messrs. T. Manning, W. Barker, and J. G. Gooding. Sergeant Dale has completed 30 years' faithful service in the Force, the entire period of which was spent in the outskirts of the town. Mr. Manning made the presentation, which took the form of a gold chain, and having made allusion to the officer's courtesy in the discharge of his duties, Sergt. Dale acknowledged the gift.

IPSWICH: FEARED LOSS OF TWO SEAMEN.—The Newcastle steamer Pandora has been reported missing for some days past. This vessel had on board as first mate a well-known Ipswich seaman, Mr. Samuel Ford, while Mr. Arthur Spooner was one of the crew. The Pandora left Blyth on November 6th for Gibraltar, and passed Dover on the 8th. Since that date no tidings of her have been received, and it is generally believed the steamer was caught in the Bay of Biscay by the severe gales in the early weeks of November. The Pandora carried a crew of 15, and there is little doubt that all have been lost. The mate, Mr. Ford, who was 53 years of age, leaves a widow and family of five children, resident in the North of England; his widowed mother, brother, and sister, and other relatives reside in Ipswich.

IPSWICH: UNPROVOKED ASSAULT ON A BUTCHER.—On Monday, at the Police Court, Henry Vinyard, Lower Orwell Street, was charged with assaulting W. R. Ranson, butcher, of Tacket Street, who said that defendant went to him and accused him of stealing his horse, which had been detained because it was found straying. He went into his office, and stooping to pick up a pencil, defendant gave him a blow on the side of the head with his fist. A young girl who was in the shop said she saw the blow struck, and Constable Tricker deposed that when he served the summons defendant said he gave Ranson "a clip behind the ear."—The Mayor said defendant had had a good deal of experience of assaults, and would be sentenced to a month's hard labour.—Defendant: Any fine, Sir?—The Mayor: Nothing further.—Defendant: Thank you.

IPSWICH: THE BIRCH FOR BAD BOYS.—Charles Butcher (9), 148, Woodhouse Street, and Frederick Scrivener (11), 10, Gibson Street, were charged at the Police Court on Thursday, with stealing eight reels of cotton, value 4d.—The prosecutor, William Charles Newitt, linen draper, Orwell Place, went to his shop door on Monday afternoon, when he saw the two defendants standing against a glass case containing reels of cotton. On his appearance at the doorway both boys ran away, and Mr. Newitt, on examining the case, found the glass was broken, and several reels missing.—Police-constable Brock proceeded to Scrivener's house, where he obtained four reels of cotton.—The case against the younger boy was dismissed, but Scrivener was ordered to receive three strokes of the birch.

IPSWICH: DEATH OF MRS. CUNLIFFE OWEN.—General sympathy has been extended to the Cobbold family in the sore trouble which has overtaken them this week by the death of Mrs. Cunliffe Owen, third daughter of Mrs. J. P. Cobbold, of The Grove. Mrs. Owen (*née* Miss Margaret Mary Cobbold) was only married in October, 1892, to Captain Charles Cunliffe Owen, R.A., son of General Owen, of Alton Lodge, Winchfield, Hants. The wedding was celebrated at St. Mary-le-Tower Church by the Very Rev. Dean Spooner (uncle of the bride) and the Rev. Ythil A. Barrington, and after the honeymoon Mrs. Owen accompanied her husband to India. On Friday last Mrs. J. P. Cobbold received the sad intelligence by telegram that her daughter had died of fever on the previous day, at Neemuch, Bengal. Mrs. Owen was only 27 years of age, and it need hardly be said that her early death has brought heartfelt sorrow to her relatives and friends, as well as to those of her bereaved husband.

IPSWICH: INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.—The discussion of this subject was the primary object of a trade unionist conference, held in the Ipswich Co-operative Hall on Saturday, under the presidency of Mr. W. C. Page (president of the Ipswich Trades Council). The following resolution was moved by Mr. G. Hintley, seconded by Mr. G. Woods (Colchester), supported by Mr. C. Freak, L.C.C., and carried—"We, as working men in conference assembled, seeing that war has signally failed to permanently settle disputes between nations; that it engenders bitterness for years afterwards; that it has been the cause of stagnation in trade, great poverty, and loss of life; and believing it to be to the best interests of the people that other means should be resorted to, give our hearty adhesion to the principles of arbitration as being not only more successful, but more rational, humane, and economical than war."—Mr. J. W. Smith (Colchester) proposed a resolution expressing satisfaction at the prospect of a treaty of arbitration between Great Britain and the United States, which was seconded by Mr. H. Hepson and adopted. On the motion of Mr. R. T. Whiting, seconded by Mr. J. Heigham (Sudbury Mat Weavers), the Chairman was authorised to sign a memorial to the Prime Minister urging co-operation with the United States in concluding a treaty of arbitration, "so that Great Britain and America may thereby set an example to other nations, and prove that disputes can be settled without the shedding of blood and heavily taxing the people."

IPSWICH: DEATH OF A TRADESMAN.—We announce with regret the death of another well-known Ipswich resident in the person of Mr. Chas. Stearn, of Fore Street, whose decease occurred on Saturday last, after a somewhat lengthy illness. Mr. Stearn, it appears, some months ago ruptured a blood vessel, from the effects of which he had scarcely recovered when fresh complications set in, to which he succumbed as stated. The deceased gentleman, whose death is deeply regretted by his many friends, leaves a widow and six children to mourn his premature end, he being only 51 years of age. Mr. Stearn was the third son of the late Mr. Thomas Stearn, and was formerly in partnership with his elder brother, Mr. Alfred Stearn. About 11 years ago the connection was dissolved, and Mr. Chas. Stearn has since carried on the old-established business in Fore Street. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon. The principal mourners were—Miss Stearn, Miss Mabel Stearn, Mr. Thos. Stearn, and Mr. C. F. Stearn, in the first carriage; Mr. Alfred Stearn, Miss Stearn, Mrs. Borrett, and Mr. Alexander Christie, in the second; Mr. Fred. Christie, Mr. Borrett, sen., Mr. Borrett, jun., and Mr. G. A. Christie, in the third. The fourth carriage was occupied by the servants and farm bailiff and others who followed included the Rev. J. Powell, Rev. S. Jones, and Mr. A. Sizer. The hearse was preceded by a number of *employes* of the deceased gentleman's firm. Rev. J. Powell, rector of St. Clement's, officiated, being assisted by the curate, Rev. S. Jones. The coffin, of polished oak, with brass furniture, bore the inscription:—"Charles Stearn, born October 30th, 1843, died December 1st, 1894," and was covered with numerous handsome wreaths and crosses.

KELSALE: QUOIT CLUB.—On Thursday week the annual dinner of this Club was held at the Eight Bells Inn, where a capital meal was supplied by host Barham. Toast and song followed, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening a handsome walking-stick was presented to the Rev. G. H. D. Davies, president, by the playing members. The Treasurer stated that the Club had a substantial balance in hand.

LEISTON: SUCCESSFUL DOG FANCIERS.—At the annual exhibition of the National Dog Show, Birmingham, held this week, we note the following local successes:—Dr. J. C. Edwardes-Ker of Woodbridge, old-fashioned English bob tail sheep dogs, wins first prize and reserve with Sir Coventry. First prize and special same breed (novices) with Dame Elizabeth, and second prize for same breed in puppy class with Sir Staverton and reserve Dame Elizabeth. Mr. John Cornforth, of Leiston, wins third prize with his blue Bedlington terrier Royal Piper. Mrs. Butcher, of Walpole, takes first prize in Irish terriers, with Champion Ted Malone.

LOWESTOFT: FISHERMAN FINED FOR SMUGGLING. On Tuesday, at Lowestoft Police Court, Thomas Webb, smack master, was summoned for having on board his vessel one pound and one ounce of contraband tobacco, value 1s. 6d. per lb.—Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was fined 16s., including the duty and costs.

LOWESTOFT: FREEMASONRY.—The installation of Bro. Kerry Rix as W.M. of Lodge "St. Margaret," 1452, took place at the Royal Hotel, on Monday afternoon. The Installing Master was Bro. H. S. Hume, P.P.G. Chap. The W.M. appointed as his officers Bro. W. James, S.W.; Bro. F. G. Mayhew, J.W.; Bro. J. E. Cook, S.D.; Bro. E. C. Titcomb, J.D.; Bro. H. Stebbings, I.G.; Bros. F. J. Smith and F. W. Clark, Stewards. The customary banquet followed.

LOWESTOFT INROADS BY THE SEA.—On Monday the Lowestoft Beach Outlet Committee were summoned together to consider what steps to take in reference to the 90 feet of the intercepting sewer washed away by the recent scouring tides. The outlet scheme was prepared about twelve years ago by Sir Joseph Bazalgette, and has involved the expenditure of a large amount of money since its adoption by the Council. Despite all efforts, however, scouring continued, and now the whole of the remaining portion of the old sewer has collapsed. The Borough Surveyor was on Monday instructed to keep men on the spot at all tides to keep the sewer open, so that its discharge should not be hindered, and the Committee will meet again in a few days to go into the whole question of the new works, by which the sewer may be diverted, and an entirely new outfall constructed.—A special meeting of the Council was also held on Monday to consider the question of the encroachment of the sea upon the Denes, which, during the last two days had assumed serious proportions, a space over three hundred yards long being submerged. The Borough Surveyor was instructed to procure quantities of faggots, and employ all available hands to throw up a bank to dam the water.

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MILDENHALL: CHILD FOUND DEAD IN BED.—Ada Elizabeth, the seven months old daughter of Wm. Cornell, was found dead in bed at Mildenhall, on Monday morning. The child, which slept with its parents, had a cold when put to bed on Sunday night, and had a restless night.

NACTON: THE DEATH OF MR. ARCHER.—In our last issue we incorrectly described the vocation of Mr. Archer. He was a marine engineer.

NEEDHAM MARKET PETTY SESSIONS, WEDNESDAY.—William Hill, labourer, Bramford, for being drunk and riotous on the 17th ult. was fined 15s., including costs.—Henry Roper, beerhouse keeper, Ipswich, was summoned for having eleven rabbits in his possession at Bramford on the 5th ult. Defendant stated that he bought the rabbits at Somersham, and called six witnesses in his defence. Dismissed.—Alfred Bargott, labourer, Hemingstone, charged with the theft of a hammer, value 1s., the property of Mr. Freeman, his employer, was fined 10s., including costs.

SOUTHWOLD GOLF CLUB.—The monthly competition was held on Saturday. Net scores:—Mr. W. Whytock 99, Mr. J. B. Gooding 99, C. J. Waller 104, Mr. A. R. Grubbe no return. The tie was played off on Monday, the 3rd inst., J. B. Gooding 89, W. Whytock 97. Mr. C. J. Waller won the competition on November 3rd with two down against bogey.

STOKE ASH: SUDDEN DEATH OF A FARMER.—The sudden death of Mr. Robert Fulcher, farmer, of Stoke Ash, occurred on Monday. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, attended Eye Market on Monday. He reached home shortly before five. On his way home the deceased complained of feeling unwell, and upon arriving at his residence he got out of the trap and went indoors, and in less than half an hour he expired in his chair.

STOWMARKET: DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES.—A bazaar, in aid of these Homes, was opened on Tuesday, at the Institute, by the Rev. L. W. Caws. A number of attractive stalls were arranged round the Hall, presided over by ladies of the town. In the evening the building was crowded, and a brisk trade was done, resulting in a goodly sum being collected for the above deserving object. Instrumental and vocal music was given at intervals, and Miss C. Andrews, the local hon. sec., is to be congratulated on the result of her labours.

STOW UNION: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF THE WORKHOUSE.—On Monday a meeting of the Directors and Guardians of the old Stow Hundred, and a committee appointed by the Guardians of the Stow Union was held in the Court-house, Stowmarket, to appoint a Joint Committee to consider the transfer of the Stow Union Workhouse and property to the 34 parishes comprised in the Stow Union. The following gentlemen were appointed:—Mr. R. J. Pettiward, Rev. H. Hill, Mr. R. Boby, Mr. E. Pyman, Mr. S. S. Baker, and Mr B. B. Booth.

STUTTON: A FOOTBALL CLUB was started in this village on Saturday. The members will be known as the Stutton Rovers, and their colours will be black and white. The following officers were elected:—Rev. T. Hill Jones, president; Mr. Leech, captain; Mr. A. Gildersleeves, vice-captain; Messrs. W. Cadge, A. Cadge and F. Wood, committee; and Mr. Findley Baker, treasurer, secretary, and referee. It was decided to play their first match on Boxing Day.

ST. CROSS SOUTHELMHAM: DOUBLE WEDDING.—This interesting and, for this little village, unusual event took place, in the presence of a large number of people, on Monday afternoon week, the contracting parties being Mr. Wm. Aldous, eldest son of Mr. William W. Aldous, of Wortwell Hall, and Miss Elizabeth Hadingham, fourth daughter of the late Mr. W. Hadingham, of the Church Farm, St. Cross; also Mr. James Myhill and Miss Alice Hadingham, youngest daughter of the late Mr. W. Hadingham. As the wedding party entered the church the choir sang "O, Father, all creating," the Psalm was chanted to a double chant by Woodward, and before the address the hymn "O perfect love" was sung. Mrs. Morley Smith presided at the harmonium, and the ceremony was performed by the Rector (Rev. Morley Smith). As the parties left the church, amidst showers of flowers and rice, the bells rang merrily, and continued to do so at intervals during the rest of the day. The brides were dressed alike, in pretty-coloured blue dresses, trimmed with silk to match, and brown straw hats, trimmed with brown ribbon and tips and blue rosettes. The dresses were wedding gifts from Mrs. Morley Smith and Miss Wallis, and the hats from Miss Fanny M. Smith. They carried lovely bouquets, also given by Mrs. Morley Smith. They will be very much missed, having been members of the choir and workers in the parish several years. They will carry to their new homes the best wishes of all friends, and from a great many they have something to carry more substantial then good wishes, in the shape of pretty and useful presents. The following is a list of donors:—To Mr. and Mrs. W. Aldous: The Churchwardens, choir, and members of the G.F.S., Rev. and Mrs. Morley Smith, Mrs. G. Smith, Miss Smith, Miss C. Smith, Miss E. G. Smith, Miss Wallis, Mrs. Shemmings, Mr. F. Aldous, Miss Warden, Mrs. D. Hadingham, Mr. D. and Miss Hadingham, Mr. Tidman, Miss E. Jefferies (jun.), Mrs. White, Miss Boast, Mr. H. Hadingham, Miss Herring, Mr. R. Hadingham, Mr. C. Coe, Mr. and Mrs. Benns, Mr. George, Mrs. W. Hadingham, Miss R. Barber, Miss Aldous, Mrs. More, Mrs. W. Aldous, Mrs. Baylis, Miss A. Coe, Mr. F. Hadingham, Mr., Mrs. and Miss M. Roberson, Freddie Hadingham, Mrs. Barter, Mrs. F. Hadingham, Mrs. W. Hadingham, Mrs. Spinlove, Miss S. Aldous, Mr. Strand, Mrs. Darby, Mrs. S. Miles, Mr. W. Aldous, Mr. G. Aldous, Miss Aldous, Mr. and Mrs. Cobley, Mr. and Mrs. Egerton.—To Mr. and Mrs. Myhill:—Choir and members of the G. F. S., Mrs. Morley Smith, Rev. Morley Smith, Mrs. G. Smith, Miss Smith, Miss C. Smith, Miss F. M. Smith, Miss E. G. Smith, Miss E. Mackie, Miss Herring, Miss Brass, Mr. D. and Miss Hadingham, Mr. D. Hadingham, Mr. H. Hadingham, Mr. and Mrs. Benns, Mrs. Brunning, Mrs. M. Robertson, Mrs. White, Mr. George, Mrs. Miles, Miss E. Aldous, Mrs. Shemmings, Miss Wallis, Mrs. E. Jefferies (junior), Mr. R. Hadingham, Miss R. Barter, Mrs. W. Hadingham, Mrs. F. Hadingham, Mr. Tidman, Miss Newson, Miss S. Aldous, Miss E Whiting, Miss F. Hadingham, Miss Myhill, Mrs. Myhill, Freddie Hadingham, Miss Brass, Mrs. Bayles, Mr. F. Hadingham, Mrs. Codling.

THETFORD PETTY SESSIONS, MONDAY.—John Archer was charged with trespassing in pursuit of game, on the 21st ult., on land belonging to Mr. W. D. Mackenzie.—Charles Gee and John Dickens, two under-keepers, saw defendant setting traps on land adjoining the London Road, and took one of them from him, which he was setting in a hare's run.—The Magistrates inflicted a fine of £1 including costs, or one month's hard labour.

THETFORD BURIAL BOARD.—A vestry meeting for the purpose of filling up the vacancy on the Burial Board by reason of Mr. Ainsworth leaving the town, was held at St. Cuthbert's on Thursday evening. The Rev. P. H. Davis was unanimously elected. It was resolved to enter a protest against the proposed county rate basis, which is £148 10s. above the parish rateable value.

WANGFORD UNION.—At the last meeting of this Board of Guardians, Rev. F. M. Arnold presiding, a letter from the Medical Officer of the Workhouse was read calling the attention of the Board to the desirability of appointing an assistant nurse for the sick and infirm inmates of the Workhouse, and of making further provision for nursing infectious cases at the infirmary, and suggesting sundry structural alterations at the infirmary. It was resolved that the Board would proceed to appoint an assistant nurse at their meeting on the 10th inst., and a committee was appointed to consider and report to the Board with respect to the structural alterations suggested by the Medical Officer.

WESTLETON: MARRIAGE.—A pretty wedding was witnessed at the Primitive Methodist Chapel on Tuesday, between Mr. Edward Randle, eldest son of Mr. Robert Randle, of Westleton, and Miss Louisa Booth, eldest daughter of Mr. Amos Booth, of Dunwich. The bride was attired in heliotrope and lace, carrying a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Lucy and Miss Agnes Booth, sisters of the bride, and Miss Pamela Swan, cousin of the bride, all of whom carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums. Mr. George and Mr. John Booth (brothers of the bride) were also in attendance. The bride was given away by her father. The Rev. B. Betts officiated.

YOXFORD: FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. R. J. EASTER.—Amidst every token of respect the remains of the late Robert John Easter, whose death we announced last week, were on Sunday afternoon laid to rest in Saxmundham parish churchyard. The deceased formerly kept the Queen's Head at Saxmundham. He was afterwards a postman, journeying from Saxmundham to Knoddishall. The deceased then took the Griffin Inn, Yoxford, where he died from liver disease and dropsical complications. The deceased was a well-known Volunteer, being promoted to the rank of Corporal and then to Sergeant in recognition of his untiring efforts in working up a successful detachment at Yoxford. The coffin was borne to the grave by six Yoxford Volunteers. The corpse, being brought from Yoxford by Mr. H. Heffer, was met at the Queen's Head by the band and about 30 men of the G Company; 18, being formed into a firing party, marched in front, the band playing the "Dead March." The Rev. G. F. Richardson conducted the funeral service, and at the grave, the firing party having formed up under the command of Sergt. L. A. Chapman, fired three volleys. The newly-appointed officer (Major Collins) was present. The deceased, who was only 40 years of age, leaves a widow and two children. A large number of spectators turned out to see the funeral. It is just fourteen years since the last military funeral took place at Saxmundham.

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Mule,
40 Head of Swine,
Poultry;
Four harvest carriages, 3 breasted road waggons, 7 tumbrils, pony tumbril, dog-cart, 10 Swootman's ploughs, Ransomes' A Y ditto, beet ditto, Bentall's broadshare ditto, double tom ditto, 8 gangs harrows, set of cromes, 2 horse hoes, 3 rolls, 2 horse rakes, 3 drills, 2 chaff-cutters with horse works complete, 3 weighing-machines and weights, 2 cake-breakers, 4 root-cutters, 3 corn dressing-machines, Boby screen, Bamlet's grass-mower, Hornsby's reaper, hay strewer, 11 sets of thillhorse gears, 9 sets cart trace, 10 sets plough traces, set of brass-mounted and other harness, 17 iron wheel hurdles, 8 corn hutches, 2 corn bins, sack hutch, 80 sacks, 2 nearly new waggon cloths, 28 sheep and pig troughs, 15 bins and mangers, hand tools and effects, also the dairy utensils, lawn-mower, iron roller, garden seats, &c., &c.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8.

THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION.

Next week the Smithfield Show will bring the most representative men of the agricultural community to London, when there will be numerous opportunities of discussing the condition of agriculture. The situation is, indeed, worse than ever, save, perhaps, in the North of England, where peculiar conditions and the occupations of the people have operated to reduce the effect of the bad times. But in the South and East of England the condition of affairs is distinctly alarming. Mr. HUNTER PRINGLE's report to the Royal Commission on Agriculture in Essex is in itself one of the most extraordinary pieces of evidence as to what has happened within thirty miles of London. In five divisions of this county whole farms and tracts of country have been abandoned and given up to nature. Land where crops were once excellent is now derelict. Numerous examples are given of farms once renowned for the excellence of the corn produced now let for a short term, on condition that the tenants pay only tithe, rates, and taxes. "There has been no ebb," says Mr. PRINGLE; "the tide of changes has continued to flow steadily in the same direction ever since. And all this took place in spite of repeated endeavours on the part of landlords to encourage and enable tenants to stay. Rents were reduced; arrears were permitted to accumulate, in many cases they were written off; improvements were made, drainage done, manure given; yet all to no purpose. Farming in Essex had ceased to pay, and capital was gone. Farmers whose fathers and grandfathers had lived in the same holdings, and who were regarded as personal friends by the proprietors, were compelled to give up, after having reduced themselves to poverty, and the land to sterility." Such is the report of a skilled Commissioner who investigated Essex just a year ago. Since then there has been not a shade of improvement in that particular county, and many other counties in the south and east are in nearly as bad a case to-day. It is little wonder that every possible cause and remedy is now being canvassed in order to help, if it be possible, the greatest industry in the country. Upon one point everyone who has been examined before the Royal Commission on Agriculture is practically agreed, and that is that the cause of agricultural depression is chiefly to be found in the heavy fall in the prices of all kinds of agricultural produce. It is also admitted that, so long as this decline in prices continues, it is hopeless to expect any permanent return of agricultural prosperity. The agricultural community, however, claim that until some far-reaching remedy for the present fall in prices is discovered it is the duty of the Government to do its best to prevent the farmers and the labourers whom they employ from being absolutely wiped out of existence.

RADICALS OF AGRICULTURAL DIVISIONS.

Up to the present moment it would be hard for any agriculturist to persuade himself that he would be in the least benefited by Home Rule or the abolition of the House of Lords, or even by "one-man-one-vote." What he wants is a solid reduction of local taxation, and especially that personal property should be made equally liable with land for the payment of the poor-rate. If the whole mass of members for rural constituencies, on both sides of the House, would join in putting pressure to this end on the Government, something very tangible could be done. Unfortunately the Radicals who represent agricultural divisions are, as a rule, entirely out of touch with men like Mr. CHAPLIN and Mr. WALTER LONG, and prefer their own narrow partisan shibboleths to the good of the country. The Land-tax might very well be applied to the relief of the burdens upon land, and the application of such a fund to such an object ought to raise but little objection. Upon the question of agricultural tenure much evidence has been given before the Royal Commission, and the Central Chamber of Agriculture has drafted amendments to the Agricultural Holdings Act which will in all probability pass into law at no distant date. But all the best authorities are agreed in thinking that in the face of the present fall of prices all questions of tenure are of infinitesimal importance. The conditions of leases and the payment of rent in good times are never much thought of; it is only in times of depression that such questions crop up and are seized upon by politicians like Mr. CHANNING as a means of posing as friends of the farmer. Agriculturists made money long before there was any Agricultural Holdings Act, and if prices rose twenty per cent. to-morrow, very little would be heard of the tenure question. There is another question, however, which is fast coming to the front, and that is the currency question and its effects upon trade and agriculture. Upon this complex question much interesting evidence has been given before the Agricultural Commissioners. The advocates of bi-metallism say that there can be no return of commercial and agricultural prosperity until silver is made legal-tender money equally with gold; and they ask for an international conference, for the purpose of settling some world-wide arrangement in this direction. They allege that the present fall in prices is due mainly to the change which has taken place, not in production, nor in commodities, but in the value of money itself. It is needless to point out what a far-reaching suggestion this is. Before 1873 the whole world practically used gold and silver as legal-tender money. England, alone as the great creditor nation, possessed a gold standard only. The bimetallic system was abandoned on the Continent and in America in 1873, and it is certainly a remarkable and curious coincidence, that ever since the change in the currency laws of the world of that year, we have been gradually suffering more and more from depression in agriculture and all other industries. The subject is one which must be examined fairly and on its merits, and it has this advantage, at present, that it lies somewhat outside the lines of party warfare.

A County Court at Felixstowe.

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Melton Asylum.

The descriptive article on Melton Asylum appearing in another column will be found to contain a large amount of information concerning a place about which very little is generally known. It shows that, with its latest additions, and the many improvements gradually effected in the buildings, the Institution takes rank as one of the best appointed in the Kingdom, and certainly the best in the Eastern Counties. The work entails an immense amount of thought and care on the part of the Superintendent and his staff, but it brings its own reward in the increased comfort of the patients and the large percentage of recoveries. The tone was excellent and it was evident that the inmates appreciate the kindness with which they are treated, and the varied efforts made to alleviate their distress. That the expense is considerable, and must from time to time increase, is, of course, obvious, but enquiry demonstrates that it is not wasteful, and the course adopted is both humane, and pays in the long run.

The Parish Councils.

The provisions of the "Charter of Freedom" were put into operation this week in the 7,000 and odd parishes of England, and judging by the reports to hand from Suffolk and the adjacent counties it is to be feared that the Local Government Act of 1894 is already seriously troubling the agricultural labour. Our impression on first perusing the Act sometime ago was that it would puzzle even a Philadelphia lawyer, and as time went on the serious conflicts of opinion among the legal fraternity made us think that poor Hodge would be thoroughly beaten in his efforts to understand the Act. A letter from Mr. F. S. Corrance in another column details a large number of illegalities that took place at a meeting at Framlingham on Tuesday night. It is regrettable that such a serious division of opinion should have occurred, and that the feeling exhibited

should have compelled Mr. Corrance to arrive at the conclusions he has. There is no doubt that, if Mr. Corrance is not wrongly informed, real peril is to be apprehended from a totally one-sided Council as the one he alleges has been wrongfully elected for Framlingham. However, if a deplorable blunder has been made the corrective is only made the more sure thereby. On the whole a creditable spirit has prevailed, and we think that in the majority of the Councils there is an adequate representation of the various interests. They know the Councils who know and realise the extent of local resources. There have been attempts, it is true, in some parishes—notably in the case of Yaxley—to pack the Council with "faddists," but the success of the electoral company without greater expense. Such is the burden of his remarks on the question of the District Councils. Now this is all quite superfluous. Mr. Wilson must know, or he ought to know, that it has been the law of the land for many years past that married couples of 60 years of age and upwards, who unfortunately have to seek the shelter of the workhouse, can, at their separate quarters for themselves. He ought also to be aware of the fact that such quarters are provided at nearly every workhouse in the land, and where they do not exist the Guardians are bound to provide them on application. They have no option in the matter. Is it fair to the agriculturer labourers to mislead them in this fashion? I presume the object Mr. Wilson has in view is to catch votes, but would he dare to write as he does if he had a precious paper advocating such legislation? I hardly think he would, because, as I have said, an Act was passed by a Conservative Government providing for the comfort of aged people in the manner suggested by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Wilson v. Kenninghall.

A correspondent writes:—Mr. F. W. Wilson, proprietor of an Ipswich paper, is a candidate for Kenninghall. Mid-Norfolk, attended a meeting at Kenninghall—a place only a few miles from the borders of Suffolk—on Monday evening, and in a speech full of the usual claptrap of the worst kind, he made a remark which one would hardly have expected would have dropped from a well-informed journalist. But as it is probable that Mr. Wilson wrote the report of his speech himself, I cannot lay the blame at the door of the reporter. Referring to the question of the election of district councillers, Mr. Wilson urged that the right sort of men—men who were humane and who would not support a system of separating a man and wife at the workhouse door—should be elected. He certainly believed that those old people could be made more comfortable in mutual company without greater expense. Such is the burden of his remarks on the question of the District Councils. Now this is all quite superfluous. Mr. Wilson must know, or he ought to know, that it has been the law of the land for many years past that married couples of 60 years of age and upwards, who unfortunately have to seek the shelter of the workhouse, can, at their separate quarters for themselves. He ought also to be aware of the fact that such quarters are provided at nearly every workhouse in the land, and where they do not exist the Guardians are bound to provide them on application. They have no option in the matter. Is it fair to the agriculturer labourers to mislead them in this fashion? I presume the object Mr. Wilson has in view is to catch votes, but would he dare to write as he does if he had a precious paper advocating such legislation? I hardly think he would, because, as I have said, an Act was passed by a Conservative Government providing for the comfort of aged people in the manner suggested by Mr. Wilson.

G.E.R. incidents.

Someone has said that attention to detail is one of the essentials to success in life; and the truth of this remark is recently had a somewhat

amusing exemplification. A lady who had booked from Felixstowe to Liverpo.l Street Station, London, on arrival at Ipswich asked to be put into the Liverpool train. On reaching Clayton she was startled to discover that she had not previously passed through that station, and a fellow-passenger discovering that London and not Liverpool was her destination, the lady got out and changed trains before very much inconvenience had been sustained. It is to be hoped that the well known carelessness of a certain class of railway travellers was seen in a gentleman who, a few days ago, applied at the Ipswich booking-office for a ticket for Cockfield. The booking-clerk, of course, issued a ticket for Cockfield, near Bury St. Edmunds. Imagine the passenger's surprise when, reaching Bury, he discovered that he had omitted to tell the clerk he wanted to go to Cockfield, near Durham, in the North of England!

League of Pity.

The children's charter which the Rev. Benj. Waugh has so effectually worked to establish, is now recognised to the fullest, and people of all shades of religious and political thought are ready to help the hands in a work which has already proved a boon and a blessing to thousands of poor, neglected, and ill-treated children in this country. It is satisfactory to find that the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and its kindred Society, the League of Pity, have attracted strong support in Ipswich, by the aid of which a vast amount of useful and necessary work has already been accomplished. The latest example of the local auxiliary of the League of Pity's labours is seen this week in a pretty little bazaar which was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, when between £30 and £40 was raised towards the clothing, feeding, and housing the poor little Arabs which are frequently seen about our streets. Ladies who have the means at their disposal cannot invest them in a better cause; while the League is an organisation for creating out of the rising generation philanthropists and social reformers for the future.

Farm Wages.

A great outcry was made recently that in many parts of Wiltshire farm labourers were only receiving the miserable pittance of 12s. a week, which we may say is the standard wage in many Suffolk parishes. The incredulity of a correspondent in the Wilton district led him to investigate the matter, with the result that he has discovered that the wages of the whole of agricultural labourers in Wiltshire are far in excess of that paid to the labourers in East Anglia. In very few cases are the men in the neighbourhood of Wilton paid less than 12s. per week; while on some estates the pay is hard and even regularly increased to more than 16s. per week. Suffolk labourers may well envy the labourers in Wilts, especially when it is added by this correspondent that nothing in the nature of destitution prevails in that county, and that the village shops are many of them even small holdings upon which they have built their own houses.

Cattle Restrictions Withdrawn.

Suffolk agriculturists may still look with hope to their prospects at the great Christmas stock sales, which begin next week. There has been no further extension of the outbreak of

foot-and-mouth disease from either of the infected areas. At Sittingbourne the sheep were slaughtered immediately, whilst the animals infected at Linton in Cambs, were easily isolated, and have now recovered. Yesterday the Chief Constable of Suffolk (Major Leigh-Bennet) received a telegram from a member of the Board of Agriculture, intimating that the foot-and-mouth disease order had been removed, except at Linton, Cambs, and Sittingbourne in Kent. This will also provide freedom of movement for cattle in the present restricted counties and districts, and will free the Metropolitan Cattle Market on Monday next, the forthcoming Smithfield Club Fat Stock Show; and give confidence to the consigners of fat stock to the "world." There will be held in London on Monday, December 17th. The announcement will be received by exhibitors and feeders of stock with much gratification.

Boys' Brigade.

That was a very high compliment indeed which Lieut.-Col. Packard on Monday evening paid the boys of the 1st Ipswich Company (St. Clement's) of the Church Lads' Brigade, when, after witnessing the boys' manœuvres, said their performance was such as would do credit to any body of soldiers or volunteers who had only had a similar amount of training. The Lieut.-Colonel, who is the commanding officere of the Company, who appear to take a thoroughly practical interest in the boys and youths under their care. But the objects of the Church Lads' Brigade deserve to meet with the support and the appreciation of parents. Many people run away with the idea that the aim of the promoters is to train boys for the army. This is not so. All that the numerous clergy who have taken up the movement seek to achieve is to make of the boys of the present day models of cleanliness, tidiness, self-respect, discipline, and physical development are all that is sought to be inculcated, and though the Church Lads' Brigade is still in its infancy, it has been the means of rescuing many a lad who would say, from the streets and the correlative evils which follow the practice of loafing about the public thoroughfares.

Lowestoft Schools.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the discussion initiated at Lowestoft School Board on Monday evening does not portend a miniature London

School Board controversy on the subject of religious instruction. Mr. Chamberlain's amendment (we do not know what called forth their action) recommended that the Bible be read in the Board Schools, and instruction given in the principles of morality and religion as is united to the practice of both of the law-makers. An attempt be made to attach children to any particular denomination. One member thereupon suggested the addition of the word "Christian" before "religion," but to this the Rev. Miller Hamilton very properly objected, arguing that he would make a distinction where none was required. Ever since the compromise of 1870, the word "religion" had had only one meaning, and why, asked the rev. gentleman, should they drag in the tail end of a discussion which had long since been settled when it was totally unnecessary? The Rev. C. Tregenna strongly contested the point in favour of the word "Christian" being inserted. The term "religion" by no means conveyed the idea of the broad Christian religion, and for members of a School Board to cavil over such a small matter—that is, of course, if they have a genuine desire to carry out the spirit of the Education Act in relation to this phase of the school curriculum—was, to say the least, rather small. However, the Lowestoft School Board have referred the question back to the committee, where it is to be hoped the contending sections will amicably settle their differences.

Blackmail

Are elementary school teachers the victims of blackmail? The recent *Extraordinary.* heavy penalty imposed by the Ipswich Justices upon an assistant teacher would scarcely justify the assumption, but if not remarkable statements on the subject are made in the current number of "Cassell's Saturday Journal":—"Almost any Board School teacher in London (says the writer) can tell of cases of blackmailing that have been tried in either of the police courts. Although these cases are seldom brought into court, the N.U.T. have, during the year, to deal with several. The opportunity for blackmailing the profession is (owing to one particular circumstance) unusually easy. All forms of corporal punishment are forbidden to 'Assistants.' But this latter term does not mean a boy pupil-teacher; it is a technical one, signifying a man who, after serving a four-years' apprenticeship and undergoing subsequently a stiff examination, inherited the 'parchment,' is, unfortunately, not a head master-though he may be, perhaps, fifty years old' and have had twenty-five years' experience as a teacher. The consequence is that it is safe to assert, adhered strictly to this arbitrary prohibition. Suppose a man, such as has been described, happens to find an unruly boy who is demoralising his class. Lessening and ordinary 'moral punishments' are wasted, for the unruly boy has learnt to regard it as the height of so light a character as the boy's father would ordinarily deduct from his wages. That is the blackmailer's opportunity. He goes to the master (perhaps even to the head), exaggerates, vows his intention of taking the 'assault' into Court, and finally demands a sovereign or so as the price of his forbearance. In ninety-nine times in a hundred he gets it; for, guilty or innocent, a magisterial trial, in the circumstances, would mean a master's professional ruin. Schoolmistresses are more frequently the victims; and cases have been known where one blackmailing mother had been successful five or six times, even going so far as to severely thrash her child for the purpose of obtaining marks for magisterial inspection if only she has happened to hear of the slightest tap of the cane on the part of the incantious teacher."

THE REPRESENTATION OF IPSWICH.

RESIGNATION OF MR. FORD GODDARD.

We are informed on very high authority that at a meeting of the Radical party very recently a letter was read from Mr. Ford Goddard, one of the Radical candidates for Ipswich, in which that gentleman declared his intention of not offering himself again as the Radical interest for Ipswich in Parliament. We are informed that Mr. Goddard wrote in the most positive terms, giving the party to understand that it was useless to endeavour to get him to stand, and that he had arrived at this decision after careful consideration. It is stated that Mr. Scames will, however, again offer himself for election.

DISTRESSING DEATH OF A LOWESTOFT FARMER.

A retired Lowestoft farmer, named Robert Coe, has come to a sad end owing to failing eyesight. On Wednesday afternoon the bridegroom of Lowestoft, named Vocel, observed Coe's dead body in the Yacht basin, which was secured and landed. The deceased, who lodged with Mr. Creasy, of Denmark Road, left that house at half-past two on the previous afternoon, and did not return. He was very nearsighted, and this supposed that he accidentally walked into the basin.

UNDER THE HAMMER.

GRUNDISBURGH AND WOODBRIDGE.

Last week Messrs W. Arnott and Son offered for sale at the Bull Hotel, Woodbridge, the following properties:—Cottage, with garden, farm buildings, and nine six acres of land, in the occupation of Mr. Anthony Mr. Welton £95. Two acres of building land on the Californian Estate, Woodbridge, were disposed of in four lots for £30 to Mr. Bloomfield, of Ufford. Anthony purchased all the land, giving £14 for each of lots one and two, and £23 jointly for lots three and four.

On Monday afternoon, by direction of the Misses Odell, Messrs. Biddell offered for sale by auction, by private petition at the Swan Hotel, a freehold mercantile property, designed for a chaff business, conducted for many years past by the late Mr. Odell, and the yard shed at Lavenham Station, Mr. James Mills, £29. Two cottages and gardens, situate in Water Street, Mr. James Mills, £107.

ALDEBURGH.

The North Lodge estate, Aldeburgh, late the property of Mr. Charles Crisp, of Oxford, has been sold to Mr. John Driver, of the White Lion Hotel, Aldeburgh.

DRINKING HEALTHS.

Drinking healths was a Roman custom. Thus, in Plautus, we read of a man drinking to his mistress with these words: "*Bene vos, bene nos, bene te, bene me, bene nostrum etiam, Stephanium*" ("Here's to you, here's to me, here's to us, here's to my sweetheart, here's to your dear ——"). *Stich. v. 4.* Persius (v. 1, 20) has a similar verse: "*Bene mihi, bene vobis, bene amico nostro*" ("Here's to me, here's to you, here's to my friend, and here's to I shan't say who."). Martial, Ovid, Horace, &c., refer to the custom, which was, indeed, a very favourite healthe. Thus, when Theramenes was condemned by the Thirty Tyrants to drink hemlock, he said: "*Hoc pulcrigidis et tam bene dicto Critiæ*" (to the beautiful Critias). The ancient Saxons followed the same habit, and Geoffrey of Monmouth says that Hengist invited King Vortigern to a banquet of fine fat ox and wine. After the meats were removed, Rowena, the beautiful daughter of Hengist, entered, and having fallen down on her knees, made a profound obeisance, said, "*Lauerd kining, wacht hei*" ("Lord King, your health"). The king then drank and said, "*Wacht hei, Rowena, and hes't to I shan't say who.*"). Martial, Ovid, Horace, &c., refer to the custom, which was, indeed, a very favourite healthe. Thus, when Theramenes was condemned by the Thirty Tyrants to drink hemlock, he said: "*Hoc Agrigidis et Critiæ dicto*" (to the beautiful Critias). Death.

ROUND THE COUNTY ASYLUM.

THE NEW BUILDINGS: DESCRIPTIVE SKETCH.

HOW 600 PEOPLE LIVE.

[By Our Special Commissioner.]

Many eloquent things are said about the institutions for the treatment of the diseased in body, but very little is heard about those devoted to the diseased in mind—the asylums. Yet both are in the best sense hospitals, and the task of dealing with persons who are mentally afflicted is often the greater trial of patience and perseverance. The number of recoveries must always be more or less limited and the malady is as insidious and troublesome in its character that the public are apt to overlook cases generally as hopeless, and take slight interest in the work done within the locked gates. The heavily burdened taxpayer is also apt to grumble at the money incurred at the County Lunatic Asylum, and thinks that some outlay of capital might be avoided, or the rate of maintenance would be reduced a little per head. Forgetting that this is a matter in which the sense of humanity and that of economy alike dictates a liberal treatment. Some consideration of a common humanity does so become the lot of the insane is most deplorable, and the sympathy we may feel for them is based on the fact that reasonably generous conduct in the matter pays—with it there is greater hope patients may recover, and there is a permanent saving on the rates. These were the conclusions at which the *Journal* commissioner arrived on Monday, when, by the courtesy of the Rev. Dr. Needham (chaplain) and Dr. Nolloth (medical officer), he made a visit to the "little town" which goes under the name of Asylum. It is expected its surplus wards and buildings, no fewer than 220 patients and between sixty and seventy attendants and workmen, will be completed next year. Two of the great attractions, of course, were the new infirmaries, which have been fitted up with the latest modern appliances, and are quite a model in their way for us; and beyond that there was the pleasure of seeing the great improvements that have been made in other parts of the asylum. The latter portion of the plan certainly is not encouraging. More than 100 years ago part of it

WAS THE WOODBRIDGE UNION WORKHOUSE,

and it was taken over as an Asylum when the Nacton Workhouse was built. The premises were then very ill-adapted to the extent it then took, for the institution is really at one end of East Suffolk, and most in-county patients had for the convenience of relatives living at Newmarket or Bury and desiring to visit patients have to get up at seven o'clock in the morning and cannot get home until late at night. The position of the unhappy pauners who were incarcerated within its walls must, if they had any reasoning power left in their brains, have forced from them many a groan. Dinner was a crime, and they might have supplied an earthly interpretation to the words "Abandon all hope ye who enter here." Old photographs give the idea that the architect of that day held that light should be rigidly spurned, for the walls are of the plain brick—cold, cheerless, and barren—and the furniture of the plainest possible sort. Lengthlow tells us that a visitor to the Union Workhouse was always taken round. "If they have nothing else to grind they must themselves be ground," and although the Poor Law Commissioners have long since abolished the "Bastile" system, the idea of it varied much, according to his view, have had a bad time—left without sanitation in the midst of the paupers, and a few of their moody madness or its incoherent imaginings. The story goes that the mad attendants were smocks and fustian, but tradition does not say that they were straight jackets which is rather a pity, as it would have completed the picture. When the old Workhouse was converted into an Asylum a few wooden buildings were erected, and the erected in front of the line of buildings. Fresh blocks were added in 1851, 1857, 1864, 1871, 1877, 1881, and 1885, and other substantial extensions were made about nine years ago. Minor additions have been made from time to time, such as the new infirmaries, which are just being occupied were erected.

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being thereby obtained. The dormitories are kept in the most thorough manner by a through draught while the patients are out exercising. It is obvious that the improvement in the ventilation must add to the health and comfort of the inmates. Care has also been taken to provide plenty of fireplaces, and thus prevent the crowding round the one or two grates which in the past must needs be done to ensure if there was not sh owroom for those who wanted to get warm. The arrangement, of course, is not only for the good order of the place, but well-being of the patients. Glass screens have been put in front of the fireplaces in the dormitories, and apart from the rest, or vice versa, and the hideous babel which is associated in the popular mind with a mad-house avoided. The walls have been coloured as well as in the more serious part of their work, the attendants do all they can to promote the well-being of the patients. Recreation is provided for in many and commissariat departments, which are much overcrowded for want of space. All the women's clothes and the men's underclothing are made on the establishment, and careful records kept of the materials received and of the articles made from them. The articles received back. A word may be expected in conclusion as to the patients. Their neatness and cleanliness could not be surpassed in a private house, and they are well cared for is evident from their general appearance and behaviour. It must be highly gratifying to the superintendent and his staff that the recovery rate is 58·27, against an average for the English Asylums as set forth in the last report of the Commissioners of Lunacy of 37·29. Though defects exist which have been pointed out, the Asylum is not in such an inefficient condition as the report of Mr. Hodge, and the Suffolk Asylum must be considered to compare very favourably with many Asylums of more recent date. The great drawback to the place, and one to a great extent to the unpleasing and unreasonable attention paid to it by the public, is the fact that it can be no doubt, and the Committee of Visitors must be congratulated on having an institution so eminently adapted for the purpose, and they will be unfortunate if it is to require treatment for mental ailments.

WEST SUFFOLK INCENDIARISM.

MORE STACK FIRING NEAR BURY.

Another fire, presumably the work of an incendiary, was discovered on Monday night at Hardwick, near Bury St. Edmund's, when a large barley straw stack on the premises of Mr. Eager contents himself with the old style. In the bath rooms there is the same scrupulous cleanliness as in the dormitories, and there is no bath, ding of cement, and tiles have been laid round. being much more easy to clean than the ordinary wooden flooring. The kitchen has been moved to the old bath head attendant alone, and there is a plan in it to enable the attendant to see that the patient is suffering no harm from the fact that he is unobserved. Formerly when first erected, the worst in the Asylum. It was of bare brick and paved with tiles, the door to the receptacle was of the ordinary kind, and the whole place so small that a patient had to perform like a jumping frog to get at the window. Fortunately it has been possible to build out bats, place additional windows in dark unlovely wards, so as to increase space and provide for better light and ventilation. The work has been done, and the result has been happy. The number of fire places has also been increased wherever possible. The ever-present fear of fire is not lessened, but the space is not more than is required by the Lunacy Act, and the Superintendent considers the very best number. It is expensive, because the number of attendants has to be increased in proportion to the size of the ward contains 40 or 60 patients, but he attributes success in the recovery of the insane largely to the individual attention that can be given to the sick, and less well-contained, but when Dr. Eager came 18 years ago, none had either a storeroom or a scullery. Goods were carried up and down the stairs by the stairs. Now all are provided with such places, and the stores were removed in the most convenient manner.

ONE OF THE BLOTS ON THE ASYLUM,

the No. 6 dormitory, was next visited. It was originally an airing-court, and was roofed in when it was found necessity for an increase in the accommodation occurred. It was broken up at the sides and tiled over. To abandon it altogether would be a waste of money, but obviously cost the county hardly anything to build, and it has long been a thorn in the eyes. Any attempt to improve it would be wasted effort, as it is bad all over. It is bare, narrow, cold, and cheerless, and looks as if it had been designed for the punishment of rank offence. A pleasant contrast is the new block of infirmary buildings. The wards are bright and airy, and, while there has been no attempt at unnecessary display in the place, there is a cheerfulness and comfort which suggests that everything that can be done to relieve the monotony of life has been done. The corridors, too, are the walls are decorated with pictures, the fireplaces have ornamentals and ornaments, and the tables with flowers, and a few ornaments. The bath-room is the house—and containing some of the prettiest specimens of the Doulton ware with the usual fittings. The patients and divert them from their trouble. The doors open with the single means of which with the ordinary door-handles, which show whether or not a door is locked, the feature of the patient being that the doors can be locked open as well as when shut, and thus the danger of an attendant being locked in by a patient is obviated. The doors are also covered with hot air, and there is an ingenious contrivance by which the usual trouble of rubbish being put in the apparatus by the patients is obviated. It will be readily conceded that so a not unfrequent act of insane is for patients to put anything that they can get hold of into the wear say, the need of artificial warmth in the sick rooms is apparent. Yet until a few years ago the single rooms were without any provision for heat, if I remember rightly, it was a coroner's inquest that brought out the importance of the matter.

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by that well-organised maker, Mr. Jennings, and one of their attractions is that they can be cleared of all dust and dirt in a few minutes by the application of a minute and a half. Dr. Eager has, however, some baths which, by a contrivance of his own, fill and empty in a minute. The bath-room is also provided with lavatories—made on the promises—give a finish to the windows, suitable curtains being hung from them. There is a sluice-room, with a hot and cold water supply, and the great care in everything being to avoid monotony. Special attention should be made of a chair put together by Dr. Eager, which can be converted into a chair or bath by the bedside, or as table overhanging the bed for convenience. The lower part beneath the seat can be used as a receptacle for clothing. The attendants' rooms have been made cosy and comfortable, and the kitchen is a model in every way, little consideration for them tends very much to improve the class of attendants and the whole character of the institution. The day room, which is also the dormitory, the brass-work of which shines unbedimmed by a speck of dust. One large dormitory which has been in use for the purpose nine years is called the "supervision dormitory," and here patients who are epileptic or are of unsteady tendency sleep under the eye of a special attendant. It contains thirty-nine beds. The wards generally are patrolled at night by attendants, who register their presence in each ward at regular intervals by touching certain buttons, which leaves its mark on a paper over the dial of the "tell-tale" electric clock in the centre of the building. Returning to the old buildings and the workshops in the female block, the improvements effected there in recent years indicate a transformation. The attics were never intended for use as all, but were brought into service at the time the old workhouse was converted to its present use. They have since been made as convenient as possible, and are now mainly used for the work of the class of patients who use them. The one thing that at once strikes the visitor in regard to the

AIRING AND RECREATION GROUNDS,

is the wonderful preservation and neatness of the grass, which is kept like a lawn. The patients have become accustomed to "walk on the paths," and however much their minds may wander their feet do not, which is a very important matter as the body is supposed to be under the control of the mind, and the mind in these cases is not under control. There is, of course, a large field for sudden play, and the mischief shrubs and plants may be damaged or destroyed, and for the patients suffering from more active mania, provided a ground on which they are allowed to run, and they can thus enjoy the bountiful without straining it. Cricket is played in the summer, and there a little anecdote comes in appropriately. A little boy in great distress about a sum that will not come right, says to his mother, "I've asked God to help me, mother, but it's no good—he's made three mistakes." The lecturer last night have given a little further back still (but didn't) to it

ANCIENT LATIN TRADITION OF JOVE

laughing long and loud at the follies of men (had they been in existence in his day) as the Greeks and the word *jovial* to this great god's laughter. After anecdotes of Diogenes, Plato, Epictetes, and other witty old philosophers, Mr. Jerome descended, through the jester—the only privileged reprover of kings and great men in the middle ages—to more modern times. A great element in humour is *incongruity*. I was walking along the Mile End Road the other day, said the lecturer, and met a man. I can't describe the man, because he was no longer dressed. Passing to the humour of the beggar, the lecturer, forgiving, dilated on asking, painting and glazing, one finds that some of the skilled patients are usually employed under foreman, and are thus taught out creditable work. The laundry is an institution which also profitably employs a considerable number of patients, the precaution being taken that the clothes of the insane are not covered by underneath the working parts. The linen is dried by centrifugal machines, and on drying rods in hot air chamber, and the heavy work is done by the male attendants and women attendants can bring their skill to bear on the finishing touches. Everything is done in the most thorough manner, and it would have completed the picture. When the old Workhouse was converted into an Asylum a few wooden buildings were erected in front of the line of buildings. Fresh blocks were added in 1851, 1857, 1864, 1871, 1877, 1881, and 1885, and other substantial extensions were made about nine years ago. Minor additions have been made from time to time, such as the new infirmaries, which are just being occupied. were erected.

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A LECTURE BY JEROME K. JEROME.

[By a Lady Correspondent.]

The great charm of Jerome K. Jerome's style of lecturing lies in its pathos. This sounds rather like a paradox when speaking of one of our great humorists. But so it is—as he said himself at the beginning of his lecture—the humorous and pathetic are so intimately connected in our lives, pathos underlying humour as the warp the woof, joy and sorrow, laughter and tears, closely intermingled, sometimes one uppermost, sometimes the other; the brightness of the one showing off the depth of the other, as the light and shade in a picture. And so it was that the lecturer, after a well or two ago was "Humour, Past and Present," and beginning with the ancients, he showed us how great a part humour has played in human life from the times of the caves, a primitive humour, consisting chiefly of practical jokes and pranks may be damaged or destroyed, and for the patients suffering from more active mania, provided a ground on which they are allowed to run, and they can thus enjoy the bountiful without straining it. Cricket is played in the summer, and there a little anecdote comes in appropriately. A little boy in great distress about a sum that will not come right, says to his mother, "I've asked God to help me, mother, but it's no good—he's made three mistakes." The lecturer last night have given a little further back still (but didn't) to it

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laughing long and loud at the follies of men (had they been in existence in his day) as the Greeks and the word *jovial* to this great god's laughter. After anecdotes of Diogenes, Plato, Epictetes, and other witty old philosophers, Mr. Jerome descended, through the jester—the only privileged reprover of kings and great men in the middle ages—to more modern times. A great element in humour is *incongruity*. I was walking along the Mile End Road the other day, said the lecturer, and met a man. I can't describe the man, because he was no longer dressed. Passing to the humour of the beggar, the lecturer, forgiving, dilated on asking, painting and glazing, one finds that some of the skilled patients are usually employed under foreman, and are thus taught out creditable work. The laundry is an institution which also profitably employs a considerable number of patients, the precaution being taken that the clothes of the insane are not covered by underneath the working parts. The linen is dried by centrifugal machines, and on drying rods in hot air chamber, and the heavy work is done by the male attendants and women attendants can bring their skill to bear on the finishing touches. Everything is done in the most thorough manner, and it would have completed the picture. When the old Workhouse was converted into an Asylum a few wooden buildings were erected in front of the line of buildings. Fresh blocks were added in 1851, 1857, 1864, 1871, 1877, 1881, and 1885, and other substantial extensions were made about nine years ago. Minor additions have been made from time to time, such as the new infirmaries, which are just being occupied. were erected.

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Information from any parish in the diocese (if suitable for this column) will be acceptable, and carefully attended to, if friends will kindly forward it to the Editor of Church Notes, *Ipswich Journal*.

I have just had placed in my hands the December number of the Burgh Castle Monthly Magazine. It is a very small document, but contains in its limited compass much that is interesting and instructive. The editor's explanation of the Parish and District Councils Act is very lucid, and will materially aid the subscribers to the magazine.

Cardinal Vaughan's letter to the Archbishop of Toledo has had, as we predicted, says the *Globe*, the most satisfactory effect. It has given the Bishop of Salisbury, Canon Fleming writes to the *Times* to say that he "can conceive no utterance more calculated to strengthen Protestantism among us"; while another clergyman gathers from it that the Ritualistic nonsense that the High Church party is the bulwark against modern Romanism" from which he has most to fear. Thus all sections of the Church are pleased, which is hardly the result which the famous letter was intended to bring about.

A Royal Warrant has been prepared directing letters patent to issue, nominating the Dean of Emery Francis Johnson, rector of Chelmsford, and Archdeacon of Essex, to be Suffragan Bishop of Colchester, in succession to the late Dr. Blomfield. The new Bishop was ordained in 1859. He was Vicar of High Wych, Herts, from 1862 to 1880, and in the latter year was appointed by the late Bishop Claughton to the rectory of Chelmsford, succeeding to the Archdeaconry of Essex in 1885.

A letter from the Lord Bishop of Norwich to the Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, Ipswich, expresses much satisfaction respecting the contemplated improvements in the church. He also states that he hopes that when the building is completed and the work successfully done the Divine services can be rendered with a more reverent though simple dignity than is now possible. The laudable endeavours to draw people to the worship of the Most High will, he hopes, be rendered more likely to be crowned with increased success. Say what we will, externals have and must have an effect upon the minds of many people. It is hoped that those parishioners who have offered donations towards the church will, now that the new church is being freely given to the neighbourhood, feel moved to make over their kind donations for the renovation and improvement of the parish church. An earnest appeal; but from lengthened experience, has been eminently successful, but a large sum is still needed to be promised, and it is earnestly hoped that enthusiasm in such a good cause may have many able and willing supporters.

We may congratulate the London Junior Clergy Missionary Association on the great success which has attended their praiseworthy effort to extend and deepen the interest which Christian people take in the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. There are indications which may well induce those who are engaged in promoting the cause of evangelisation, whether at home or abroad, to thank God and take courage. But there is much to be done before the desired effort and enlarged interest. To stimulate this effort and to extend this interest is the object for which the Junior Clergy Missionary Association exists.

At Exeter Hall last year the demonstration was note-worthy in many ways, and in no small degree from the eloquent address of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Duke, also, took the chair at Queen's Hall which was filled. The Bishop of London presided, and amongst those present was the Master of the Charterhouse (Canon Elwyn), Canon Bailey, D.D., late Warden of Sherborne, Canon Chandler, Canterbury; Canon Palmer, Prebendary Whitlington, Canon Clement, and Mr. Eugene Stock. The Chairman, who was received with prolonged applause, said it must be a matter of great rejoicing to see so large a number of Christians assembled in that hall to show their interest in the work, what they felt called to do, and to learn from the lips of those who had studied the matter how the work was going on, and what was the prospect of the future. He (the Chairman) had, partly through such meetings, they might succeed in making Christian people feel more deeply than they had yet felt, not only for the sake of the heathen, but for the sake of themselves, for the sake of their own Christian life, for the sake of their own faith in the supernatural of the Gospel, the great doctrine of the "Communion of Saints."

In proportion as the Church did her work abroad, in that proportion must assuredly would she always be called by the Lord to do her work at home, said the speaker. To give to others is the sure way to have for your own purposes more than you have given. This you may depend, is the sure working of all spiritual work. Let every one apply to his own life and to the missionary spirit amongst our people, I fear not that it will damage the work that we have to do ourselves, for I know for certain that instead of losing we shall gain—gain in the truest line, not only in the outward means, but in a truer knowledge, in a higher conception of what spiritual life really means—gain in that true sense of the unity of all the members of the Church, which beyond everything else, except only the thought of Christ Himself, is the strength and life of the Church at home and abroad, and which the Lord Jesus Christ has to do.

Canon Scott Holland moved the second resolution :—"That the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts is worthy of far stronger and heartier support than it now receives from English Churchmen." Other eloquent speakers followed, after which his lordship pronounced the benediction. The service was specially arranged with Advent hymns, and intended to bring into full force the Advent idea. Long before the service began the church was filled to its utmost capacity. Before and after the "Magnificat," Gounod's "Benedictus" was exquisitely sung by Miss Hilda Wilkinson, and their hearts in the anthem, "Glory to Thee my God this night," by the same celebrated composer. An eloquent and forcible discourse was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Needham, rector of Kettlebarn, and the most enjoyable service concluded with the Litany of the Passion.

PETTAUGH.

A lecture, under the auspices of the National Protestant Church Union, was delivered in the schoolroom in the Mission Room by Mr. H. J. Orchard, of Halesworth. There was a crowded and attentive audience, and the lecturer dealt with the subject of "Auricular Confession," and pointed out the dangers of Ritualism and Romanism, which threatened them to-day. A letter was read from the Rev. W. M. A. Blomfield, vicar of the true teaching of the Church of England as contained in her articles, and as being altogether opposed to the advanced Ritualistic practices of the present. Many joined the Union.

EARL STONHAM: FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A meeting on behalf of the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts was held in the East Bonham National Schoolroom on Tuesday. The interest in the Society was explained by the Rev. A. Salmon, a missionary from Burmah. The lecturer related his own experiences in that country, and described amongst the Karens—a tribe which has proved difficult to Christianise. The Karens were the first people to take to the missionaries they become a source of great usefulness to the Society. In some districts the work has been very successful, and there are now many ordained deacons and priests. These native clergy are supported by the people of the district in which they work. The Society has been at work in Burmah for some season, which lasts for six months, the missionaries stay at the Mission Station, and occupy themselves in teaching a number of natives who are being trained for the ministry. A great deal of time is also spent in printing religious books in the native languages, of which there is a large number. The rest of the year is taken up in travelling about the country, preaching and teaching in the villages, and generally endeavouring to the people were also described. The lecture, which was extremely interesting, was illustrated by the aid of the magic lantern.

CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

Although only established some twelve months ago, the first Ipswich Company (St. Clement's) of the Church Lads' Brigade has already become strong both numerically and in efficiency of drill. This was freely demonstrated on Monday evening, when the company, numbering about 60 strong, assembled in the schools in a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen by Lieut. H. H. W. Sparke, who was the inspecting officer. Hall, Forman Road. The officers on parade were Rev. Jno. Powell, chaplain; Rev. Samuel Jones, assistant chaplain; Captain F. W. Turner, Lieutenant Sparke, Lieut. W. Christopherson, Rev. F. L. Schreiber, and Benson. There were also present Lieut.-Surgeon G. S. Elliston, Col. F. Tuson Cobbold, Mr. Ernest C. Cobbold, Mr. Bulstrode, and other gentlemen interested in the 1st Volunteer Battalion Suffolk Regiment. The boys, accompanied by their officers, marched into the room, and W. S. Fenner, marched past the inspecting officers, and were afterwards put through company formation and physical drills, all of which were carried out in a very smart manner. Addressing the boys at the conclusion of their exercises, Lieut. Sparke expressed the great pleasure it had given him to witness their performances, as they had gone through their drill as well as possible. Considering that the boys had only been in the company more than two months the progress made was simply marvellous; but knowing the officer in command as he did, he was not surprised wherein the secret lay. (Applause.) Whatever Captain Turner undertook he did it well, and he (Col. Packard) was glad to find that he was ably seconded by his lieutenants. The whole company had turned out in first-rate order; their accoutrements, which were very simple, viz., cap, belt, and lanyard, were neatly and correctly put on. He had also heard from a very high authority—Lieut.-Colonel Anderson, who visited their camp at Felixstowe—how well the boys conducted themselves while under strict discipline; while favourable

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comments had reached him from people who had met in the neighbourhood of the camp. He congratulated the boys on their general steadiness, and said their movements would do credit to any battalion of Volunteers after considerably more than a small amount of drill they had received.—Major and Adjutant Mackenzie, of the 1st V.B. Suffolk Regiment, also spoke in high terms of the lads, urging attention to details at drill. They might think the details only trifles, but trifles formed perfection, and they must aim at nothing less than that.—The proceedings terminated by the band playing the National Anthem.

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE VICAR OF ST. MARY ELMS.

Quite recently the married daughter of the late Vicar of St. Mary Elms, Ipswich, to receive gratifying acknowledgment of the valuable services which were rendered to the parish on Wednesday evening came the Rev. L. D. Kenyon-Stow's turn to receive a substantial mark of the high esteem and consideration between himself and the parishioners of St. Mary Elms during the period of his vicariate of that church, which office he has recently resigned. The Vicar's study was crowded over a numerous gathering in the Parish-room, the Rev. A. W. Van Den Bergh (the new vicar) and Mr. J. S. Fraser (churchwarden) representing the congregation. The Chairman read letters apologising for their inability to be present from Mr. Alderman Ransome and Mr. C. S. Tempest, and after making feeling reference to the Rev. Kenyon-Stow's past and valued services to the parish, Mr. Fraser read the address presenting the acceptance of a beautifully illuminated address, framed in oak and bearing an artistic water-colourings of St. Mary Elms Church, and the sum of £200 in gold, which would be appreciated as an evidence of gratitude and friendship. The address, bearing the signatures of 69 parishioners, was as follows:—"Ipswich, St. Mary Elms, D. Kenyon-Stow.—Dear Sir,—The parishioners and friends of St. Mary Elms, assembled in the Parish-room, Ipswich, whose names are attached hereto, desire to express their appreciation of your ministrations as Vicar of this parish during the past 20 years at your resignation. They thank you very heartily for

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introduced and the many other signs of success during the twelve years of your incumbency. They also highly value the great improvement in the church, and the beautiful window which you have generously carried out at your own expense. As a small token of their regard, they have authorised us, accompanying you with a gold, to ask you for your acceptance, with their best wishes for your future health and happiness." The design of the text and ornamentation was the work of Mr. Leeworthy, who displayed considerable skill in its execution.—Mr. Fraser, in handing the purse contain

AGRICULTURAL LETTER.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

November has again brought itself to a close, and we may say, I think, the latter part of the month has been particularly partial, as regards weather, to the agricultural world at large. Farm work, as compared with other years, is certainly exceptionally forward. Although the rains have been very heavy, and have caused much loss of property in some districts, yet in East Anglia much ploughing has been got through in a satisfactory condition.

To the inexperienced this work of turning up the sod looks as if it might be suitably carried on at any period when the elements are not favourable, or we with a downpour. Such, however, is not the case. The condition in which the land is worked is a very important matter, and makes all the difference when harvest comes along. "Through your land dry" is a bit of advice given by a well-known agriculturist in this district, the truth of which we can prove, not only at the time of harvest, but also through the spring time, when the land is being sown and cleaned. Turning land after wheat is a special instance of the truth of the saying, for with one good dry earth and a frost to follow, how many less barrows and kill-horse crowes will be required? To take another instance. If a dry time sets in on Stilling, how much less rolling will be needed—probably the heavy Cambridge can be dispensed with.

Yet even further than this we may go when we consider that the sowing of young layers, also boeing, are far more effectually carried on when the land has been ploughed in the condition advocated. Reflecting on our position in the previous autumn, we well remember the extreme scarcity of the root and hay crop—never, we may say, in the life of the present generation, to be forgotten. And if this locality were an exception, I may say there were several tons of roots, practically speaking, spoilt for feeding purposes. We should be very sorry to be without this gentleman (Jack Frost), but we, as farmers, like to be summoned for his visits, not to have him looking into our mangel and swede clumps, and catching our carrots still on *terra firma* as he did last year. However, with due thanks to the Clerk of the Weather, in Suffolk, at any rate, mangel are secured from her ravages, swedes have almost all found their winter quarters, and carrots have been lifted. "Have your ploughs thatched by Christmas," is an old hearty-laid saying, and one which is now rather difficult for our light-land neighbours to understand. A heavy corn-growing land it was the rule, and was generally accomplished by the now year, if not by Christmas. That is to say that the land which was in course for corn was ploughed up, so as to be exposed to the frost, there to be holding were in the yard or on the pastures, and the ploughs were stuck into a straw stack and thatched for the winter. Our iron ploughs of the present day scarcely require such tender treatment.

Speaking of ploughs, it is my firm belief that for light land farmers must come to the American custom of providing the driver with a seat. I can well understand that this idea is much, yes, very much, at variance with principles instilled by our forefathers. They would argue that a man can surely walk eight or ten miles in a day of eight hours, the former being nearer the distance covered by many of the ploughmen of the present time as rolling will be done. It is perfectly true a man can walk his eight or ten miles a day, but that is not the question. What appears to me to be the point is this. Will not a man do more in a day if he is allowed to ride instead of walk? I answer is in the affirmative, for I feel convinced, if I were called upon to hold the handle of the plough, I should be more willing to get over an acre and a half on a single plough with a seat, rather than do an acre on foot.

Whilst talking round the implement department of the late Cambridge Royal Show, a noticeable invention appeared to me to be the Gang Forward plough, exhibited by that veteran firm, known and associated with the plough, namely Messrs. Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies, Limited, of Ipswich. This is the implement so highly recommended for light lands by such a practical man as Mr. Richard Stratton, the well-known shorthorn breeder.

It is described in the Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society as "A three-furrow plough appropriately named the Gang Forward, designed and constructed from suggestions of Mr. Richard Stratton, of the Bungay Grange, Ipswich, Mon."

Its salient feature is a seat for the driver, contrived so that he may easily take his place and dismount, while the wheel, which runs directly beneath the seat, takes the weight of the man, thereby obviating any possibility of disturbance to the working of the plough. It is intended specially for getting over a large breadth of light ploughing with economy and greater celerity than with the older form of plough. It breaks up turnip land after sheep, ploughs up autumn stubble, skims clover layers, and does general light ploughing in a most effective manner. Its three furrows each turn a depth of from three to four inches to a width together of two feet. The lever for steering is worked easily from the seat, as is also the lever by which the plough is raised for turning at the headlands. It is of comparatively light draught, and two horses will plough three acres per day—a fairly moderately greater acreage than if the man in charge had to walk the distance.

It decidedly meets the present necessity for a cheaper method of cultivation, for, as has been shown, it will do a better piece of work by an ordinary single-furrow at one-third the cost. Also, where land requires cleaning, the work of this plough is superior to that of others, for, as the furrows are narrower, it enables the land to be subsequently more thoroughly worked upon by the harrows. It affords full clearance for weeds, long stubble, grass ormanure. The breasts are of steel, with cast chilled self-sharpening shares, made with renewable points if desired, and also in steel.

It is particularly interesting to see a four of so fresh outbreak of foot-and-month disease. Public meetings have been held at Bury St. Edmund's and elsewhere protesting against the stringent measures issued by the Board of Agriculture, and it appears to be the general opinion that members at Whitehall have very broad ideas as to the area over which they impose their restriction. With an outbreak in Cambridge, it would scarcely have been deemed necessary to close the markets at Bury St. Edmund's, and to place stringent restrictions on the neighbourhood for several miles this side of the West Suffolk centre. There is no doubt the farmer and butcher in the restricted districts, and especially those on the border, feel very strongly on this point, and have been put to great loss and inconvenience by it. However, as the Board of Agriculture views it, a few had better suffer than the whole community, although we cannot say that it is with the sufferers from this decision. Those amongst us who remember the sad losses occasioned in past years by this very contagious disease will readily discern how necessary it is for Government to act with due caution in the matter. However, we are glad to hear there is every reason to expect these restrictions will speedily be modified. Smithfield Show opens on December 10th.

The entries for cattle and sheep are exceptionally creditable. It is stated as regards cattle, it will be the largest show ever held at Islington. Owing to the prevalence of swine fever, the show will be robbed of those huge monstrosities of pork usually so great an attraction to our city friends. However, the Queen has graciously consented to offer a handsome cup, value £150, for the best beast bred and fed by exhibitor. Farmers visiting the show must not fail to inspect the exhibition of choice table poultry, which adjoins the Agricultural Hall. Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart., has with his usual zeal taken the matter up, and his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is one of the patrons. This subject of poultry-rearing requires the serious consideration of the agricultural world.

Harvest by big hitsthe farmer can and must expect to make headway in these adverse times, therefore it is for all to carefully consider the poultry yard and see if they can each one retain ten or twenty pounds of the vast sum that is being spent abroad for importation in that department.

DEATH OF A SUFFOLK SHEEP BREEDER.

Suffolk agriculturists, more particularly breeders of the well-known Suffolk sheep, have lost a valued friend by the death, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, of Mr. D. Haggart, steward for the Marquis of Bristol's Tuddenham Hall Estate. Apparently in his usual health, the deceased went to visit some men working upon the estate, and after leaving them he proceeded homewards, walking shortly after four o'clock, and had reached the vicinity of Mr. Fever Parker's house, on the road between Tuddenham and Barton Mills, when he was seen to reel and suddenly fall. A person ran up to the deceased, and found that he had a valued friend by the death, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, of Mr. D. Haggart, steward for the Marquis of Bristol's Tuddenham Hall Estate. Apparently in his usual health, the deceased went to visit some men working upon the estate, and after leaving them he proceeded homewards, walking shortly after four o'clock, and had reached the vicinity of Mr. Fever Parker's house, on the road between Tuddenham and Barton Mills, when he was seen to reel and suddenly fall. A person ran up to the deceased, and found that he had a valued friend by the death, which took place suddenly on Tuesday, of Mr. D. Haggart, steward for the Marquis of Bristol's Tuddenham Hall Estate. Apparently in his usual health, the deceased went to visit some men working upon the estate, and after leaving them he proceeded homewards, walking shortly after four o'clock, and had reached the vicinity of Mr. Fever Parker's house, on the road between Tuddenham and Barton Mills, when he was seen to reel and suddenly fall. A person ran up to the deceased, and found that he was dead. He returned home to Scotchman, whose early years had genial disposition won for him a very wide circle of friends. Mr. Haggart was very successful, especially with black-faced sheep. He is about 30 years since he went to Tuddenham, having previously been with the Marquis of Breadalbane in Scotland, and he showed from the first great pride in the breeding of sheep. He improved the flock until, a few years ago, the Tuddenham black-faced sheep became a leading one amongst Suffolk flocks, taking the Ellesmere challenge cup about five years ago, and running other flocks very close in previous and succeeding years.

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FRIENDLY SOCIETY NOTES.

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The Board of Inland Revenue have this week made an announcement which will be welcome to friendly societies. They have intimated to the principal orders and bodies in the United Kingdom that all cheques drawn by or on behalf of friendly societies are to be exempt from Stamp Duty. This concession will represent a saving of thousands of pounds yearly in the manage' ment expenses of the great friendly societies.

The Friendly Society Handbooks, which first made their appearance only a very few years ago, have also by the means of bringing many new members to the various courts and lodges. At the same time they involve no little trouble to the compilers; hence those districts favoured by such a publication have cause for gratitude to their Handbook Committees. The Foresters and Oddfellows' Colchester and District Handbook for 1895 has just been issued by Bro. Sims, trustee Court 3635, A.O.F., and Bro. W. W. Mann, secretary 6032, M.U.I.O.O.F. It contains a complete list of the lodges and officers of the district, a table of meeting nights, particulars of the anniversaries of the Ancient Order of Shepherds; also a list of the lodges and officers of the Bury St. Edmund's and Maldon districts, M.U.I.O.O.F., and an excellent portrait and biographical notice of P.C.R. W. Stonebridge.

Fortunately it is only a rare occurrence for a lodge to lose two of its oldest members at one time. This, however, has happened to the lodge of Waveney Valley Lodge of the Oddfellows, Lothy Oddfellows, and on Monday afternoon the mortal remains of Bro. George Chaplin, florist, and Bro. James Squire, retired carpenter, were laid to rest in Rodeshall Churchyard. The funerals took place concurrently, and in addition to the many friends who assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to these veterans in the cause of Oddfellowship were over 60 members of the "Waveney Valley" Lodge, as well as brethren from the Hundred meeting. The burial service was impressively conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Perowne.

The "Temple of Friendship" Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., held their anniversary dinner on Monday evening last at the Fox Hotel, Stowmarket, Past Grand S. A. Turner presiding. There were also present—Bros. G. W. Wicks, V.G., and W. Murray, P.G., trustees; W. Greengrass, P.G.; J. E. Simpson, treasurer; S. Jordan, permanent secretary; and R. Godfrey, N.G. The "Gipping" Lodge was represented by Bros. H. Cuthbert, N.G., and S. F. Ormes, permanent secretary, while four brethren from the Needham Lodge were also in attendance. Others present included Bros. C. C. Tuck, F. Oakes, F. C. Peecock, A. Game, G. Diaper, R. Mayhew, E. Case, Keeble, Lockwood, &c. An excellent repast was placed on the tables by host J. Garrard in his usual well-known style, after which the usual loyal toasts were duly honoured, at least and song. "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces" was responded to by Capt. C. C. Tuck, and Lieut. F. Oakes on behalf of the latter.

"The Board of Directors and Bury St. Edmund's District" was proposed by Past Grand Samuel Jordan, and Bro. J. E. Simpson, P.G., replied: "The 'Temple of Friendship' Lodge," by Bro. W. Murray, P.G., and Godfrey, G., responded. "The Chairman" was proposed by Bro. G. W. Wicks from the vice-chair in happy terms, and was received with rounds of applause, and accorded Lodge honours. Bro. Turner, in reply, said he was only too pleased to do anything in his power to help forward the work of Oddfellowship. He had had some 30 years' experience, during which period great progress had been made; they had heard from their treasurer that the total funds of the Unity were 8½ millions—an amount sum to have been raised by working men, whose aim was to help one another by helping themselves. He was proud to belong to their Society, and he only hoped that, as they climbed the ladder of life, they would never meet with an old friend tottling down. (Cheers.) During the evening songs were sung by Bros. A. Game, J. Ward, C. Nice, G. W. Wicks, S. Ormes, E. Abra, A. E. Pratt, and a recitation by H. M. Whitelaw.

At the annual meeting of the Luxfield Branch of the National Sick and Burial Association held in the Boys' Endowed School, Laxfield, on Saturday evening last, Mr. Stephen Folgate was re-elected Chairman of the Branch, this being his seventh year of office. Mr. George Thirkettle, the secretary, declared the result of the voting as follows:—Messrs. J. Folgate, blacksmith; 49 votes; Alfred Freeman, labourer, 19 votes; H. Emery, farmer and shopkeeper, 14 votes. The Club is a flourishing one, numbering over 200 members, and has rendered valuable help to the labouring classes.

Friendly society brethren in Ipswich will be pleased to learn that Bro. John Pye, of the Past Grands' Lodge of the Manchester Unity, has been nominated as a candidate for St. Peter's parish on the Ipswich Board of Guardians. As a representative society of man and a respected citizen, Bro. Pye should make a strong candidate.

The Bramford Branch of the "Eastern Star" Provident Association, holding its meetings at the Cock Inn, has of late years made excellent progress. Since 1885 it has increased in numbers from 30 to 75 members, and funds from £75 to £270. The energetic members still felt more could be done, and determined upon starting a juvenile branch. A meeting having this object in view was held on Monday evening last in the club room, and the promoters were rewarded by a large attendance of the ladyers, which included a good number of youths, who throughout displayed great interest in the proceedings. Mr. J. R. Staddon, of Ipswich, the surgeon to the Branch, who during the past sixty years has taken great interest in the Society, presided at the meeting, being supported by several officers and members of the Ipswich Branches, including Bros. W. V. Leverett, W. J. Bantborp, F. Fayre, James Gage, Herbert Hobart, F. Clarke, James T. Payne, R. W. H. Payne, and F. Bloomfield, all of whom dwelt upon the advantages of a juvenile branch. At the close of the meeting several gave in their names for membership, and it was ultimately decided to start the branch at once.

A concert the result of which must have gratified the promoters took place at the Feathers Inn, Ipswich, on Monday evening, for the benefit of the widow and seven fatherless children of the late Bro. E. C. May, of Court 2436 A.O.F., and the Boot and Shoe Operatives Society. A Committee consisting of Messrs. W. Aldous (chairman), W. Page, J. Weathy, G. Marshall, C. Roe, B. Wentcott, A. Backhouse, D. Emeney, W. J. Terris (secretary), and J. Cook (treasurer), worked energetically for the success of the undertaking, and they succeeded in bringing together an acceptable lot of performers.

These included Messrs. C. Cullington, C. Roe, H. Geary, W. Allcock, Manning, Smith, F. A. Collins, E. Boer, C. Williams, F. Cook, Bantoft, D. Emeney, W. Terris and R. Hines. Councillor F. A. Bales presided, and in acknowledgment of a vote of thanks, urged upon young men the necessity of joining a friendly society. Mr. C. Chinnell ably filled the vice-chair, and we must not forget to mention Mr. R. Harbord, who discharged the duties of M.C., and contributed to the harmony of the evening in a very happy manner. The total receipts, donations, sale of tickets, and collection in the room realised the substantial sum of £5 16s., and after four shillings had been deducted for the pianist, the balance of £5 12s. was handed over to the widow in whose aid the concert was arranged

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RECENT WILLS.

Leaving personal estate valued at £6,135, the late Right Rev. Alfred Blomfield, Bishop Suffragan and Archdeacon of Colchester, who died on the 6th November, aged 61 years, appointed his brother, Admiral Blomfield, and Mrs. Blomfield, of Mongeham Barnes, executors of his "last and solemn will," which bears date 5th November, 1894, which begins "In the name of God, Amen," and by which the testator bequeaths all and absolute his properties and possessions of every sort and description to his wife.

The personal estate has been valued for probate at £24,331 2s. 3d. of the late Alderman George John Oliver, of Bury St. Edmund's, junior member of the firm of Oliver and Sons, grocers, drapers, and a former Mayor of Bury St. Edmund's, who died on the 25th July last, aged 66 years, and whose will, dated November 27th, 1890, with a codicil made the 12th January, 1894, the executors are his sons, Mr. John George Oliver, of Bury St. Edmund's, and Mr. Oliver, merchant, and Henry Stanton Oliver, of Sudbury, brewer. The testator bequeaths to his wife, Mrs. Mary Agnes Oliver, £500, furniture and household effects to the value of £200, and an annuity during her widowhood of £150. There is also a charge in her favour of £200 a year on the testator's business premises. His son Charles having by the deed of partnership the option of acquiring the business carried on at Bury in the Abbey precincts for £2,000, the testator by his will gives him also the option of acquiring his interest in the High Baxter Street premises for £2,400, and he leaves the residuary estate in trust in equal shares for all his children, the wife and children of his son Hugh taking his share.

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WOMAN'S WAYS AND WORK.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.]

The Queen has happily not suffered from the damp engendered by the floods at Windsor. Her rheumatism has not been troubling her much lately. Her Majesty, in general health, is very well, but she experiences difficulty in walking. She never ascends or descends stairs, but has lifts in all her palaces, is wheeled from room to room in a chair, and from the foot of the lift to her carriage.

The Prince of Wales has returned from Russia, but the Princess still remains with her sister. It is probable that T.R.H. will come to England to see their mother, the Queen of Denmark, whose health is giving great anxiety, before the Empress of Russia goes to her son in the Caucasus. From Denmark the Princess will probably return direct to England.

The infant Prince Edward of York has paid his first visit to Windsor since the Queen's return there. He was escorted by his young aunts, the Princesses Maud and Victoria of Wales, who were black-and-white greens simply ravishing in their pretty hats trimmed with large bows of dull corded ribbon. The little Prince is said to look a thorough boy.

The Princess Christian has been holding a bazaar this week at the Grafton Galleries in aid of the British Nurses' Association. Miss Maud Kennedy's large collection of South American work and native curosities from Samoa, Honolulu, California, Bagoés, and Mexico, was on view and proved very interesting.

The marriage of Prince Adolphus of Teck with Lady Margaret Grosvenor is fixed to take place on Wednesday, December 12th.

The question has lately been disputed in Court as to what presents given by athusband to his wife become here absolutely. The case in point was concerning a large carriage and some dogs, which had been purchased by his wife while they were living together, and which, upon a formal separation taking place between them, he refused to allow her to keep. The decision of the Courts was, however, to make him surrender them.

Sir Francis Jeune drew a distinction between "absolute gifts" and "paraphernalia," and laid it down that "peace-offerings which seal the settlement of disputes between husband and wife belong to the former category, while presents merely made for the purpose of adornment of the person must be included under the latter." Does Sir Francis Jeune intend to convey that a husband may lawfully treat his wife as he would a chattel, and say, "There, my dear, is a diamond tiara for you; but mind you behave prettily and do as you are bid, or I shall take it away again"?

We do not ourselves see why a wife's presents from her husband should not be as absolutely hers as those from anyone else. The "mine is thine" business between husband and wife has been practically obsolete since the passing of the Married Women's Property Act. It is very sweet in theory, but not always pleasant in practice.

Miss E. A. Ormerod has just published an interesting manual on the warble fly. As immense amount of injury is done to cattle by these insects. The health of the animal is affected by these pests, and damage also is done to the meat and the hides by the presence of the maggots growing under the skin. By carrying out the very cost the inquiry which has resulted in the mass of valuable information contained in the pamphlet. Miss Ormerod has done public work of great importance.

The number of wedding presents given to Prince Adolphus of Teck and Lady Margaret Grosvenor has already amounted to five hundred; amongst them are several diamond tiaras.

Photo cases for miniatures are to be seen this Christmas made in sparkling paste. Photograph frames in general are more lovely than ever this year, the prettiest being those in pearl-beaded silks, French blue especially smartly bound with gold braid, or in flowered velvets.

The following story from the *Globe* of a Japanese victim of fashion is worth relating. "A Japanese lady who wished to be dressed in the latest European style, ordered a dress and underclothing from a Paris firm with instructions that the garments were to be made in the order in which they are worn. This was done. Unfortunately, the Japanese lady, who received the case just in time to don the clothes for a garden-party, opened the box at the wrong end. The company were sorry for her, but could not help laughing at her misfortune in her foolishness in wishing to exchange the becoming costume of her country for that of European civilisation.

We find in hurriedly glancing through the returns of the elections for parish councillors or district councillors that the ladies have not availed themselves very largely of their power to stand for either office. Here and there, during the past month or two, we find the names of women amongst the nominees, chiefly for the District Council. In the immediate neighbourhood of Ipswich, at Witnesham, a woman was nominated for a parish councillor, but she withdrew her name. Hence there was no contest, a woman's name is on the list of nominations for parish councillors. At Bergholt, Mrs. Spencer is nominated as a district councillor; there is to be a poll. At Holbrook, where the people pride themselves on being up-to-date, Mrs. Hunter Rodwell has been elected as a parish councillor, and Miss Sophie Hunter Rodwell as a district councillor. As Guardians in the boroughs, ladies are coming forward in goodly numbers. Five are standing for election in Ipswich, and four in Colchester.

The wide bell-shaped skirts, which in fashion plates look to be exaggerated, are in varity worn the other side of the Channel, as are also the full short lace-edged coats, which do not appear to have taken much in England at present. A seal jacket from Paris is tightfitting, with the edge, which is short, arranged to fall in two points at the back, with a box plait between. The sleeves are very full at the wrist, where they are met in a cuff of Persian lamb; the high rolled collar is lined with lamb. Large bretelles of lamb are cut in deep points over the shoulders and taper to the waist at back and in front. A similar jacket might be made in velvet.

The artificial flower most used in millinery at the present time is the chrysanthemum. Some of the felt shapes are covered with brown hidden in a wreath of many-hued chrysanthemums.

A useful novelty of the season is a muff-holder. They are long slender chains of gun-metal, or burnishable gilt or jet, and are fitted with a long straight rod that closes like the clasp of a necklace; this rod passes through the muff. Those people who, however, are fortunate enough to possess one of the old-fashioned long gold watch chains can utilise it as a muff-holder of a far superior kind. Gun metal is very fashionable.

Everything is Russian now that is not Japanese. Russian blouses have therefore again become fashionable, and the newest scent is Moika—Russian, of course—and at present very difficult to obtain in England.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

** This column is open for the free expression of our readers' opinions on subjects which it is desirable publicity should be given. We expect all letters to be free from verbiage and strictly to the point. We do not undertake, however, that we do not identify ourselves with the opinions of correspondents.*

THE CHURCH BOYS' BRIGADE.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—The growing interest which many of your readers have taken in the Church movement since last February, when Col. H. W. Packard and Major Mackenzie inspected the 1st Ipswich Company, combined with Holy Trinity parish, encourages me to appeal for further help in a work, the main object of which is to promote habits of reverence, self-respect, and obedience, and all that goes to make Christian manliness among boys. Although we have had no band to march with, the Company has been more than doubled since the inspection. Many have left the ranks during the year which ended in September last, yet we have increased from 40 to 80 boys, and have nearly seventy boys enrolled. On Saturday afternoons the 1st and 2nd football elevens are frequently to be seen playing matches for the honour of the Club, kindly granted for their use by Mr. John Cobbold. Another very interesting feature of this 1st Ipswich Company is the establishment under the superintendence of Dr. Fryer, who generously gives his time for our benefit. Yet many of your readers will naturally expect more from such an organization, for, however valuable and important (and they are valuable and important) a knowledge of drill, cricket, and ambulance may be, there is a higher part of boys' nature which also must be cultivated. That higher nature, I rejoice to say, is not ignored, reference being made to it not alone in the Brigade Bible Class, but also when addressing the boys

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and is imploring God's blessing upon our Company at the weekly drill; for it seems to me that an officer who conducts a Company without at every meeting keeping the great object before the boys, is neglecting the very reason of the Brigade's existence. The many expenses which such a work involves necessitate an appeal for funds beyond our poor parish, which I hope will prove irresistible to all those who "love their fellow-men," that so with gladsome heart we may continue our work among these boys. I have great pleasure in informing your readers that Captain E. G. Pretyman is honorary captain of the Company; Dr. Fryer, honorary ambulance lecturer; and Sergt.-Major Mogford, drill instructor. Donations and subscriptions will be thankfully received by yours faithfully,

REV. J. H. JENNINGS,
Captain 1st Ipswich Company.

24, Alan Road, Ipswich.

POOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—We venture once again to appeal through the medium of your widely circulated paper for funds to give a Christmas Dinner to those poor children in our good old town who will know little or nothing of Christmas fare. The success of past years justifies us in believing the generous public desire that every hungry little child shall be well fed on the day we celebrate as bringing peace and good-will to man. For 21 years we have carried out this dinner; it has sent untold joy into hundreds of homes, and it has been twice blessed, for the giver and the receiver have rejoiced together. We beg, therefore, for funds to feed at least 1,250 children, feeling sure that in consequence of the great slackness of trade the demand for tickets will be greater than ever. Subscriptions will be thankfully received by Messrs. Gurneys, Alexanders and Co., the Bank, or—Yours &c.

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THE CENTRAL CHURCH COMMITTEE.

[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—As the formation of the above Committee, appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, has excited much interest throughout the country, I trust that you will permit me, as the Organising Secretary whose sphere of work is at present especially the Diocese of Ely, to very briefly explain to your readers the aim and object of our work. It must, in the first place, be quite clearly understood that the movement is in no way connected with party politics (evidence of this is afforded by the presence on the Committee of men of the most divergent political views); but that it is of a distinctly national character in support of the National Church. It is recognised that there is both a strong feeling of dissatisfaction and of misapprehension regarding Church history, the origin and rights of Church property, and the true bearing and results of any scheme of disestablishment and disendowment, when carried into effect, upon the progress of Christianity generally in its attack upon the dark places of the earth. It is felt that this can best be met by the creation in every parish throughout the kingdom (where no efficient local organisation already exists) of a Parochial Committee, consisting, where possible, of an equal number of men and women, the members of which are pledged themselves to inform themselves on the subjects which I have mentioned, and, then, in a friendly spirit, to proceed to spread their knowledge amongst their neighbours and acquaintances, and to distribute such suitable literature for that purpose as is issued by the Central Church Committee and by the Church Defence Institution. The organisation of these committees is effected by means of diocesan and rural-deanal committees. It will be observed that, while in no way underrating the value of public meetings in defence of the Church on suitable occasions, our work is more especially concerned with the promotion of individual study than with the platform. The Central Church Committee are most anxious to impress upon every member of the Church that this is a movement in which special responsibility rests upon them. It cannot be too clearly understood that, while all Churchpeople have a duty to fulfil, they have an equal interest in defending the just rights of the Church, the laity are much more concerned than are the beneficed clergy in the question of the disposal of Church property question, seeing that no measure of disestablishment and disendowment could even pass the House of Commons without assuming adequate provision for existing vested interests; but, as has been well pointed out, no advocate of such a measure has ever proposed to compensate the laity for the loss of those endowments left them by their forefathers to support the offices of the Church." In our work we confidently look for the aid and friendco-operation and support of those of our Nonconformist brethren who are conscientiously in favour of disestablishment, but who, while opposed to the dishonesty and Christian fellowship are opposed to the withdrawal of funds devoted to religious purposes, and their application to secular objects. Finally, I would point out that we, on our part, are on the same grounds quite prepared to defend Nonconformist endowments. One point more, and I have done—that all true and efficacious work for the Church must be done in a Christian spirit, and not in a spirit of bitterness to those who differ from us and with constant regard to that charity which is the greatest of all the virtues. In reply to various enquiries, I should like to add that communications with regard to our work in the diocese of Ely should be addressed either to the Diocesan Secretary, Rev. A. Ellis, Ely Rectory, Newmarket, Cambridgeshire, or to me at the following address.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. DAVIES, M.A.,
One of the Organising Secretaries of the Central Church Committee.
Northgate House, Regent's Park, London, N.W.,
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[TO THE EDITOR.]

SIR,—In the remarks you were good enough to publish from me on this subject, I was careful to ask that an idea of a controversial should be dismissed by any who should follow me in the discussion. Probably, had I allowed more of the olden indignation to colour my expression of opinion instead of confining myself to the strictly practical, your columns would have teemed with fervid matter from correspondents of both parties. The text for my humble contribution was the question which I learned was being submitted by the Bishop of the Diocese to his Rural Deans conference, and which ran in, I think, this form—"How shall we best make the Holy Communion the actual worship of the people?" I can't see that that question is accurate, but it expresses the sense. I should like just to say a few words in reply to the Rector of Thornham. He, I cannot but think, is lacking in courage, I would ask him how it is possible to teach effectually the obligation of the observance of the Holy Eucharist unless you give to this service at least as much prominence as to the choir offices of matins and evensong, attended as which, however edifying, cannot be said to be service of obligation? Who is to blame if the organist and choir evacuate their posts after the prayer for the Church Militant? I do not know the use at Thornham; but if I knew at what time morning prayer was said on Sunday, and at what hour the celebration of the Holy Communion concluded, I could give a fairly accurate guess as to the number of parishioners who assisted at the latter. Baker refers to Holy Baptism in theory to be of so much greater importance. That even a village congregation may be brought to understand this I have proved. Let us not be satisfied as the "actual worship" of Lord's Day and Festival I have seen demonstrated in a remarkable way. Twenty years ago I was just in a small village church at a choral celebration of the Holy Communion on Ascension Day at four a.m. The church was full of parishioners—mainly, of course, the labourers and their wives—and the service concluded at about 5.30, in time for the workpeople to get to their daily work. It was an object lesson on how to reach the agricultural labourer, which can be only wondered at now. The parish is in this diocese—in Suffolk. And now, Sir, and very briefly, I will notice "Churchman's" criticism of me, conceived in the true partisan spirit. As regards those who are to war with phrases instead of facts, he imports a phrase I was careful to avoid, knowing that such would be gathered much conflict and more misunderstanding. "Non-communicating attendance" was never meant by those who adopted or restored the custom amongst us to mean the attendances at the Holy Communion of persons who were not, nor desired to become, communicants. I do silently agree with your column this very thorny question. I will only ask "Churchman" to note that there were many practices current in Bible, Psalm, and prayer Book days which are now by consent laid aside, including amongst other things common as sexual individual irreprehensible. Moreover, it is not enough to say that because a certain development obtains in the Roman Church, it is therefore condemned. In Church discipline there is always the maximum, or rather the highest standard to be aimed at, and the minimum below which none may fall to be counted as Churchmen. Finally, I will say to show that the Prayer Book provides for a daily Eucharist, and it enfore assumes that some will miss the obligation. Hence the 1st Exhortation in the service whenever celebrated. On the other hand, every parishioner should be present at the least three times in the year, and persons so communicating retain their rights and privileges of full citizenship in the Kingdom of God and Church. We know by experience how to produce generation after generation of non-communicating non-attendants at the celebration. By insisting upon all present communicating at every celebration we have precinded the children and the bulk of our people from assisting at the Memorial of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ. I return to the text of my letter I now ask, how can we better pave the way for making the Holy Communion the actual Church service of the day by first of all further breaking them with the service and making it plain to them that this is the service to be honoured by every principle of love and duty to join in offering?

I, LAYMAN.

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Dated this 28th November, 1894.

J. H. BARTLET, Mayor.

Town Hall, Ipswich.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

WEST SUFFOLK.

REVOCATION OF THE ORDER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the Board of Agriculture, dated the 20th November, 1894, intitled "The West Suffolk Sales and Movement (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Order of 1894," will be revoked from and after 12 o'clock on Sunday night, the 9th December, 1894.

A. TOWNSHEND COBBOLD, Deputy-Clerk of the Local Authority for Suffolk.

County Hall, Ipswich, 7th December, 1894.

PLOMESGATE UNION.

THE Guardians of the Poor of the Plomesgate Union invite Tenders for Contracting to Supply the Relieving Officers' Districts with Flour, and the Workhouse at Wickham Market with the following Provisions for the next Three Months, viz, Bread, Meat, Cheese, and Margarine.

Samples, with Tenders, must be delivered at the Porter's Lodge, at the Workhouse, before half-past ten o'clock on the morning of Monday, the 24th day of December.

Printed forms of Tender, which only will be received, may be obtained of the Governor at the Workhouse.

By order of the Board,
CHARLES H. READ, Clerk to the Guardians.

Board Room, Wickham Market, 3rd December, 1894.

HARTISMERE UNION.

CONTRACTS.

THE Guardians will, at their meeting on Monday, the 17th December instant (not later than 10 a.m.), receive Tenders for supplying the Workhouse at Eye and Wortham with Bread, Flour, and Home-Grazed Meat, for the Three Months ending Lady Day, 1895; also the Out-relief Districts with good Flour for the same period.

Forms of Tender can be obtained of the Master, Workhouse, Eye, or the Matron, Wortham School, Diss.

ACCOUNTS.

All Accounts due from the Guardians to be delivered by or before the 7th January, 1895.

By order,
JNO. BOND, Clerk.

Eye, 6th December, 1894.

STOW UNION.

DISTRICT AND WORKHOUSE MEDICAL OFFICER.

THE Guardians of the above Union are prepared to receive applications for the appointment of a Medical Officer for the District of Stowmarket, and for the Workhouse at Onehouse.

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Applications stating age and full qualifications, and accompanied by copies of recent testimonials, must be sent to me on or before WEDNESDAY, the 12th December, endorsed "District Medical Officer." The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

By order,
R. E. WILKES, Clerk to the Guardians.

Stowmarket, 30th November, 1894.

SAMFORD UNION.

PERSONS will to Contract for good Steer Beef, Mutton, Beef Suet, Bread, Flour Butter, Cheese, and Porter, as ordered, for the Workhouse, Tattingstone; and for Bread for the several districts of the Union, for the quarter ending 25th March next, may obtain of me, or of Mr. Jarrold, at the Workhouse, Forms of Tender, which must be returned to me on or before Wednesday, the 19th instant.

Tenders for Bread for the districts must be of uniform price for all the parishes in each district.

The Guardians do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

A. TOWNSHEND COBBOLD, Clerk.

7th December, 1894.
32, Museum Street, Ipswich.

N.B.—All Accounts against the Guardians are to be sent in on or before Monday, the 31st instant.

THETFORD UNION.

CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES.

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BILLS.

All persons having any claim against this Union must deliver their Bills to me on or before the 26th day of December instant, and if found correct they will be paid on the following day.

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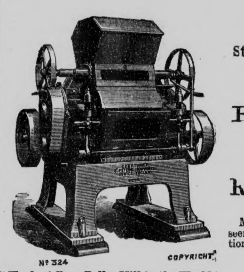

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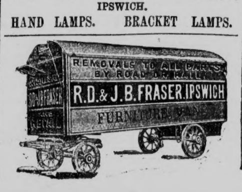

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